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SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Every member is requested to preserve this "Supplement," which contains matters specially referred to Divisions, until the subjects have been discussed by the Division to which he belongs. BY ORDER.

MATTERS REFERRED TO DIVISIONS.

REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1907-8.

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

Annual Representative Meeting

AT

SHEFFIELD.

(1) THE Council in presenting its Report for the past year would congratulate the Association on its choice of Sheffield as the place of meeting for the Seventy-sixth Annual Meeting. Twice before in the history of the Association has the Meeting taken place in this City. First in 1845, when its membership was barely two thousand; secondly in 1876, when the numbers had increased to seven thousand. At the present time the figures of 1876 have been more than trebled, as the Association has a membership well over twenty-one thousand.

The Association is sure of a warm welcome from the practitioners in Sheffield and District. The Lord Mayor, the Master Cutler, and the Citizens also have promised to use their best endeavours to promote the comfort and enjoyment of members.

The Council has reason to believe that the arrangements for the business of the Meeting have been thoroughly well considered. The Reception Rooms, the Meeting Rooms of all the seventeen Sections, and the Pathological Museum will be under one roof, that of the magnificent University Buildings of which Sheffield is so justly proud, while, within a few minutes' walk, the Representative Meeting will be held in the Hall of the Education Department.

THE EXETER MEETING.

(2) The Meeting at Exeter in July last proved to be, as was anticipated, an unqualified success, both in its scientific and social aspects. Hearty votes of thanks were, at the close of the Meeting, accorded by those present to Dr. Henry Davy, the President, and to all others who in various degrees had contributed to that success; but the Council feels that the review of the work of the past year would be incomplete unless it alluded once more to the subject.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COUNCIL.

(3) Dr. Langley Browne, who had served as Chairman of Council since the Meeting at Leicester in 1905, owing to his election as a Direct Representative on the General Medical Council, in common with other members similarly placed, has felt compelled to resign his Membership of the Association. The Council took the opportunity of recording on its Minutes its high appreciation of the

valuable services which he had rendered to the Council, and the expression of its belief that as a Member of the General Medical Council he would continue to use his sound judgement to advance the best interests of the Profession. As his successor in the Chair, the Council elected Mr. Edmund Owen, LL.D., Consulting Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital.

THE TREASURERSHIP.

(4) After two years' service Dr. H. Radcliffe Crocker found that he could no longer devote the necessary time to carry out the growing responsibilities of the Treasurership of the Association. This decision was received and accepted by the Council with profound regret. Dr. Radcliffe Crocker has been succeeded in the Treasurership by Dr. Edwin Rayner, Surgeon to the Stockport Infirmary.

TERM OF OFFICE OF BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES.

(5) Under By-Law 26 the term of office of Branch Representatives in the United Kingdom is limited to six continuous years of service on the Council. This means that the Council must lose some of its most active and valued members, who, at no small personal sacrifice, have found time during many years to discharge, to the advantage of the Association, the various duties incidental to Membership of the Council. The severance of these ties is a matter of extreme regret to their colleagues.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

(6) Each year the Council has the melancholy duty of reporting the loss by death of one or more of its members. The year now under review is no exception to this rule, Death having claimed—Dr. Markham Skerritt, a late Treasurer of the Association, Dr. Joseph Groves, and Dr. John H. Galton.

Each of these gentlemen exercised a marked influence in the deliberations of the Council as well as of the Branches that they had so worthily represented during a great number of years.

The Council also has regretfully to record the loss of two former Members of Council, namely, Sir William Gairdner, K.C.B., F.R.S., who presided over the Association at its Annual Meeting in Glasgow in 1888, and Dr. Thomas M. Dolan of Halifax, who had represented the Yorkshire Branch.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

(7) The Council also regrets to report the deaths of the following Members of the Association: Mr. William Allingham, Mr. Richard Ambler, Sir Thomas McCall Anderson, Professor Thomas Annandale, Dr. Edmund Antrobus, Mr. Robert Samuel Archer, Mr. Robert Fitzroy Benham, Dr. Edward Hallaran Bennett, Mr. Edward Robert Bickersteth, Dr. George Henry Biden, Dr. Ernest Bramwell, Dr. Mark A. Brennan, Sir Wm. Henry Broadbent, Bt., K.C.V.O., F.R.S., Mr. George Brown, Mr. David Browne, at one time President of the Southern Branch; Mr. Wm. Seymour Burrows, Mr. Alfred Square Cooke, a past President of the Gloucestershire Branch; Sir Alfred Cooper, Dr. James Fraser Davidson, Dr. William Henry Day, Mr. Walter Arnold Densham, Lieut.-Col. Robert D. Donaldson, R.A.M.C., Capt. James Allen Dredge, I.M.S., Professor Julius Dreschfeld, Dr. Lionel Druitt, Dr. William H. Drummond, Dr. Charles Robert Dysdale, Dr. James Dunsmure, Dr. George Grigson Ellett, from surgical inoculation; Dr. George Frederick Elliott, Sir Joseph Fayrer, Bt., K.C.S.I., F.R.S., Major Fullarton, I.M.S., Sir Alfred Baring Garrod, F.R.S., Dr. George Herbert Graham, Dr. David Grant, Surg.-Col. Wm. Graves, Dr. Vernon John Greenhough, Lieut.-Col. William Edwin Griffiths, I.M.S., Mr. R. W. Harley, Mr. Reginald Harrison, Dr. Francis J. Holden, Dr. Robert Hughes, a former President of the North Wales Branch; Dr. W. Edward Humble, Dr. Alfred Ernest Jeaffreson, Dr. W. H. Johnson, Dr. Boyd Burnet Joll, Mr. William Ross Jordan, Lieut.-Col. James Bennett Kelly, R.A.M.C., Mr. Thomas Atherstone Kennard, Surg.-Gen. C. E. Kilkelly, Dr. John Comyns Leach, a former President of the Dorset and West Hants Branch; Mr. Alfred Alex. de Lessert, Dr. Thomas White Lewis, Dr. John Parker Lightfoot, Dr. R. E. Little, Mr. Samuel Lodge, Dr. William Archibald Logan, Dr. Thomas Logan, Mr. Richard Luscombe, Dr. Donald J. Macdonald, Mr. Jonathan F. C. H. Macready, Lieut.-Col. John Maitland, I.M.S.; Dr. Edward Dillon Mapother formerly President of the Dublin Branch; Dr. William Maule, Lieut.-Col. Gerald Macklin Eccles McKee, Dr. John Ruddle Milsom, Lieut.-Col. Edwin Oswald Milward, Dr. James More, Mr. Frank E. Murray, Dr. Hubert Montague Murray, Dr. Emilius Rowley Nicholson, Dr. Conolly Norman, Dr. Alfred Lloyd Owen, a past President of the Portsmouth Division; Mr. John Pardoe, Mr. John Latimer Parke, Dr. Walter Hugh Paterson, Dr. Robt. John Paton, of septicaemia; Mr. Francis James Pearse, Mr. Arthur D. Peill, Dr. George Armstrong Peters, Professor of Surgery in the University of Toronto; Dr. Lawrence Willmer Kinglake Phillips, Capt. Michael Biddulph Pinchard, I.M.S.; Dr. John Pirie, Dr. C. E. Preston, Mr. Edwin Price, Dr. Ferdinand A. Purcell, Mr. Thomas Holmes Ravenill, Mr. William Swanston Spence Reid, Dr. John Roberts, Mr. Thomas Roberts, Dr. Alfred Langston Scott, Dr. George John Sealey, Dr. James Tracey Simpson, Dr. William Slater, Dr. William Spalding, Dr. W. James Spence, Dr. Robert Sterling, Dr. Henry Stolterforth, Mr. Frederick William Storry, a Past-President of the Gloucestershire Branch; Dr. William Heath Strange, Dr. Adolphe Wahltuch, Dr. Andrew Wallace, Sir Patrick Heron Watson, Dr. William George Weaver, Mr. Charles Hayden White, Mr. Charles Williams, Dr. J. Llewelyn Williams, Dr. George R. Wilson, Mr. Charles James Wright, formerly President of the Yorkshire Branch.

THE MEMBERSHIP.

(8) The steady growth of the Association continues uninterrupted. For comparison the figures of 1906 and 1907 are given:

	1906.	1907.
New members	2,171	1,527
Resigned	485	1,050
Deaths	225	227
Removed under Article VIII...	192	116
" " " XLIII	2	2
" " " XLII...	1	1
Total membership	20,993	21,124

After deducting all losses, the net increase in the membership of the Association for 1907 is one hundred and thirty. This is below the average, but it will be within the recollection of members that in 1906 the recruiting was exceptionally heavy when the Association met in Toronto.

THE REFERENDUM.

(9) As a result of the Special Representative Meeting held in May, 1907, certain resolutions for the proposed Charter were passed, but some of them were considered by the Council not to properly represent the wishes of the Association. Consequently an instruction was issued to every Division throughout the Association that a direct vote should be taken on each resolution of the Representative Meeting on which the Council had decided to exercise the Referendum.

The Resolutions referred under Article XXII were as follows:

The Proviso as to the Referendum (Minute No. 123).
The Composition and Mode of Election of the Council (Minutes Nos. 283, 287, 293 and 298).
The Grouping of Branches (Minute No. 299)
The Mode of Election by Groups of Branches (Minute No. 303).
The Business of the Annual Representative Meeting (Minutes Nos. 328 and 330), and
The Division of the Journal and Finance Committee into two separate Committees (Minutes No. 342 and 346).

Voting papers were issued to 222 Divisions—190 in and 32 outside the United Kingdom.

The Poll was closed on March 2nd, when the membership of the Association was 20,675.

By this date 149 Divisions in the United Kingdom

and 10 Divisions outside the United Kingdom had replied.

The aggregate attendances at the meetings convened for the purpose of considering the Referendum was 1 978, 1 831 members attending in the United Kingdom and 147 outside it.

The largest Meeting that considered the Referendum numbered 46, the smallest 2.

Thus less than 10 per cent. of the Members have expressed a definite opinion on these questions, and, having regard to the important principles involved, the Council regrets that the Division meetings were not more largely attended.

The actual votes recorded for and against each referred Resolution of the Representative Meeting are as follows:

Minutes of Representative Meeting.	Total of Votes.		Majority.	
	For the Representative Meeting.	Against the Representative Meeting.	For.	Against.
123	1,219	604	615	
283	1,127	711	416	
287	1,118	700	418	
293	1,128	706	422	
298	1,120	711	409	
299	1,104	670	434	
303	1,146	609	537	
328	1,153	658	495	
330	1,167	635	532	
342	1,146	667	479	
346	1,146	665	481	

MEDICAL BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

(10) In its report last year the Council expressed the hope that Members would assist more generally in the efforts to relieve those who, from sickness or other misfortune, had failed to provide for those dependent on them, and the Council sincerely regrets that this appeal has not produced better results. The total amount received by the General Secretary during the year 1907 on behalf of the British Medical Benevolent, the Epsom College, and the Irish Benevolent Funds amounted to £945, five pounds less than in the previous year.

THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

(11) Once more the Council has to express its cordial thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Metropolitan Asylums Board for kindly placing their Board Room at the disposal of the Council. While fully appreciating this courtesy whereby the Association has been relieved of the difficulty of finding a suitable meeting room during the process of rebuilding, the Council is now able to look forward to the early completion of the new buildings in the Strand, and the feasibility of once more meeting under their own roof.

OFFICE STAFF.

(12) Since the Council last reported, there has been no diminution in the amount of work of the Head Office, and the thanks of the Association are due to the Editor, the General Secretary and Manager, the Medical Secretary, and the whole of the Clerical Staff for their untiring efforts to advance the prosperity and influence of the Association.

THE FINANCE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE.

(13) The Special Finance Inquiry Committee appointed by the Annual Representative Meeting at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, completed its investigation of the finances and administrative arrangements of the Association.

This report was placed before the Representatives at Exeter, and certain of the Recommendations were referred to the Council for consideration and for action at its discretion. The Recommendations so referred have, with certain exceptions, been adopted by the Council upon the advice of the Journal and Finance Committee, and have been carried into effect.

The Recommendations so adopted by the Council were as follows:

Improvements in System of Financial Control.

That to enable the Representative Meeting duly to consider the financial aspects of questions of policy and administration:

There be placed before it a Report from the Finance Committee on the financial aspects of any proposals involving considerable new expenditure;

The form of the Balance Sheet be amended as shown in the Appendix to the Recommendations.

That the "ordinary" expenditure which Committees are authorized to incur without special sanction of the Council, and the power of the Treasurer to provisionally authorize extra expenditure in cases of emergency, be defined by standing orders of the Council.

That the Chairman of each Committee be furnished quarterly with a statement of all expenses charged in the accounts of the Association as arising out of the work of that Committee during the previous quarter.

Economies in Administration.

That with a view to economy in administration:

The attention of the Council and Committees be drawn to the importance of keeping down the number of Committee Meetings to the minimum consistent with efficient work, and that, to contribute to this end, the work of investigation and action in suitable matters be referred to small Subcommittees, and the opinions of Members of Committees, on matters of a simple character not requiring discussion, be ascertained when possible by correspondence;

That for all documents printed for Committees, Journal type and measure be used, in order to save cost in subsequent reprinting in the Journal.

That as much as possible of the printing be done by the Association.

Secretarial Departments.

Work of the Financial Department.

That to the Financial Department be assigned the business work of the Association, and the Secretaryship of the Annual General Meeting, of the Central Council, and of the following Committees:

Journal and Finance;
Premises;
Arrangements;
Election Returns;
Science;

and any other Committee that may be appointed dealing with the Financial Department of the Association.

Work of the Medical Department.

That to the Medical Department be assigned all the work pertaining to the professional side of the work of the Association and the Secretaryship of the Representative Meeting, and of the following Committees:

Organization;
Ethical;
Hospitals;
Medico-Political;
Public Health;
Colonial;
Naval and Military;

and any other Committee that may be appointed dealing with the professional work of the Association.

Attendance of both Secretaries at certain Meetings; Minutes and Agenda of these Meetings.

That both Secretaries be required to attend General Meetings, Representative Meetings, Central Council, and Meetings of the following Committees:

Organization;
Journal and Finance;
Election Returns.

That the Minutes and Agenda of the above Meetings be submitted to both Secretaries before being finally printed.

That each Head of Department should, when it appears to him that the interests of the Association may be advanced by his presence, or at the request of the Chairman of Committee, attend Meetings of Committees other than those of which he is Secretary.

That the Head of each Department be supplied with a copy of all official documents at the time of issue.

Clerks of Departments.

That the Head of each Department nominate the clerks for his Department; that the appointment be made by the Chairman of Council and Treasurer; that the Head of each Department have the power of suspension of the clerks in his Department; that the power of dismissal be in the hands of the Chairman of Council.

Card Register of the Association and of the Profession.

That the Medical Secretary be empowered to keep a card register of Members of the Association and of the medical profession; and that information for this purpose should be sent to him as soon as received.

That the staff of the Medical Secretary's Department be constituted as follows:

One Assistant Medical Secretary.
Four Senior Clerks.
Five Junior Clerks.
One Office Boy.

All of whom shall receive suitable salaries, and that the staff may be increased as the occasion arises.

With reference to the following Recommendation:

Assistant Medical Secretary.

That an Assistant Medical Secretary be appointed at a suitable salary (not exceeding £600 per annum), who is capable of undertaking any part of the Medical Secretary's work which may be delegated to him;

the Council thought it expedient to take no action until it had before it the Balance Sheet for the year 1907.

Upon consideration of the Balance Sheet on April 29th, the Council decided to appoint a Permanent Assistant Medical Secretary, and referred to a Special Committee, composed of the Chairmen of those Committees of which the Medical Secretary acts as Secretary, together with the Officers of the Association, the duty of making recommendations as to the terms of appointment.

Financial Part of the Work of the Association.

The Finance Inquiry Committee also passed the following resolution on the financial part of the work of the Association:

The Committee desires to place on record its appreciation of the excellent way in which the financial part of the work of the Association is carried on, and the only recommendations it has made with regard to this Department are for the sake of more orderly arrangement and clearer definition of the work of the two Departments.

1907 BALANCE-SHEET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(14) In presenting the Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December last, it will be observed that the form of submitting the accounts is somewhat altered. By this alteration it is hoped that the interest of members may be stimulated further as to whence the revenues of the Association are derived, and how they are applied.

Each year the tendency is for greater financial demands on the resources of the Association, and such demands can only be met by carefully handling the revenues and by constantly watching the many ramifications of a large business enterprise.

General Association Expenses.

Taking the Revenue or Profit and Loss Account, the General Association Expenses, which are fully recited under Abstract A, show a small increase. The Bank Charges were £40 heavier, consequent upon the high bank rate which prevailed at a time when it is often necessary to temporarily overdraw the general working account. Legal Expenses show an increase of £150 owing to work in connexion with the Charter, and Counsel's fees for drafting the proposed Medical Acts Amendment Bill. But for these two items there is little call for comment under this heading.

Central Meeting Expenses (Abstract B.).

Here there is a decrease of about £250 on the year. The cost of producing the Daily Journal at Exeter was less by nearly £100 than at Toronto, but the expenses of the Sections were £50 more.

Representative Meetings.

Under the head of Railway Fares there is an increase of £340, and in printings £85; these increases were due to the Special Representative Meeting held in London in May. The expense was heavy, but the large attendance of Representatives bore witness to the increasing interest of the members in the work of the Association. Under the heading Hire of Hall, etc., there is a decreased expenditure of £56. It will be remembered that the Representatives occupied Caxton Hall for about a week prior to the Toronto meeting.

The Council Railway Fares were some £70 less, but the printings were £60 more owing to the longer meetings and the issue of the Referendum documents to the Divisions.

While the total cost of the Annual Repesentative and Council Meetings in 1907 was £1,830, £300 more than in the previous year, the expenditure of the Committees was £550 less.

Compared with 1906, the Ethical Committee cost £20 more, the Irish Committee spent £30 less, and the decrease in the expenditure of the Medico-Political Committee was nearly £460.

The Organization Committee, owing to the large amount of work it has had to undertake, more especially in connexion with the work of the Charter, had an increased expenditure of £80.

The Premises Committee spent £55 and the Public Health Committee £20 less, while the disappearance of the Volunteer Medical Committee effected a saving of £77.

Central Premises Expenses (Abstract C).

Under this head the additional expenditure of over £200 is due to the renting of temporary offices while the new premises are in course of construction. It is interesting to note that owing to the lower rateable value of 6, Catherine Street, as compared with the Strand, the saving in rates and taxes has relieved the charge for rent of the temporary Catherine Street premises by over 50 per cent.

Central Printing, Stationery, and Postal Expenses (Abstract D).

Here there is a saving of nearly £1,000.

Miscellaneous Printing is less by £170, as it has not been necessary to circulate so many printings. This is reflected in the amount expended on Postages in the General Secretary's Department and in that of the Medical Secretary. The principal item to disappear from this account is the Year Book, which in 1906 involved an outlay of £744.

Central Staff Expenses (Abstract E.)

The item which will arrest attention here is the decrease of some £200 in the travelling expenses of the General Secretary's Department. This expenditure was above the average in 1906 owing to the Toronto Meeting.

British Medical Association.

Balance Sheet 31st December, 1907.

Dr. **Cr.**

LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Subscriptions paid in advance	390 1 1	
,, Advertisements ditto	704 18 4	
,, Contributions	794 8 9	1,889 8 2
,, Reporting	36 4 6	
,, Engraving	95 5 5	
,, Printing Journal	418 8 8	
,, Paper for Journal	841 9 5	
,, Miscellaneous Printing	289 1 10	
,, Stationery	114 13 6	
,, Repairs	23 5 6	
,, Legal Charges	104 11 0	
,, Rates and Taxes, Insurance and Electricity and Rent	533 19 5	
,, Plant and Type	42 14 8	
,, Editorial Expenses...	32 13 11	
,, Sundries	33 3 3	
,, Library Books, &c.	24 18 8	2,590 9 9
,, London and Westminster Bank—Amount of Loan at, December 31st, on Account of New Building in Course of Construction, secured by Deposit of Deeds of Freehold Property		12,223 3 6
,, Overdraft from Bankers		618 4 0
,, Subscriptions due to Branches, December 31st, 1907		222 14 9
TOTAL LIABILITIES		17,549 0 2
,, **Surplus Account**—		
Balance on January 1st, 1907	103,644 11 11	
Balance of Income over Expenditure for 1907 brought from Revenue Account	1,319 3 9	
	104,963 15 8	
Less amount incurred in removing from 429, Strand, fitting up Temporary Offices, and cost of Warehousing Books and Furniture...	873 10 10	
Balance being total of Excess of Assets over Liabilities ...		**104,090 4 10**
		£121,639 5 0

ASSETS.

	£ s. d.
By Subscriptions in arrears	2,011 16 10
,, Advertisements ,, ...	3,004 15 3
,, Sundry Sales ,, ...	145 19 10
,, Furniture and Fixtures	1,137 6 8
,, Library	2,176 8 6
,, Plant and Type	1,788 3 9
,, Stock of Paper in hand for printing Journal	149 7 11
,, Cash at Office	59 18 10
,, Cash at Bank (being Branch Subscriptions in hand December 31st, 1907)	222 14 9
,, INVESTMENTS—	
,, Freehold Site, 429, Strand, Agar Street, and Harvey's Buildings, as at 31st December, 1907, including the original cost to the Association of the Buildings now demolished	86,020 0 0
,, New Premises in Course of Construction—Amounts Expended to December 31st, 1907 ...	11,354 12 8
,, £3,200 Bank of England Stock @ 280	8,960 0 0
,, £6,400 Midland Railway 2½% Perpetual Guaranteed Preferential Stock @ 72	4,608 0 0
	£121,639 5 0

(The above Assets do not include the unexpended balances of Capitation Grants held by the various Branches.)

Revenue or Profit and Loss Account for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

		1906. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.
General Association Expenses	*Abstract A* ...	2,172 3 1		2,219 11 6
Central Meeting Expenses	,, *B* ...	3,696 9 4		3,448 1 8
Central Premises Expenses	,, *C* ...	1,213 7 7		1,440 10 11
Printing, Stationery and Postage Expenses ...	,, *D* ...	2,149 4 10		1,183 19 3
Central Staff Expenses	,, *E* ...	4,701 8 9		4,525 10 6
Library Account	,, *F* ...	257 14 1		255 10 7
Journal Account Expenses	,, *G* ...	31,418 4 8		32,037 13 1
Capitation Grants to Branches	... ...	3,665 15 6		3,552 18 6
Subscriptions Written off for Deaths, Arrears, &c.	... ...	755 9 1		913 15 4
		£50,029 16 11		£49,577 11 4
Library—Written off towards Depreciation ...	100 0 0		200 0 0	
Plant and Type—Ditto	250 0 0		500 0 0	
Furniture and Fittings—Ditto	—		250 0 0	
Investments—Ditto	236 17 6		674 1 6	
		586 17 6		1,624 1 6
		£50,616 14 5		£51,201 12 10
Balance of Income over Expenditure carried to Balance Sheet...		1,385 8 6		1,319 3 9
		£52,002 2 11		£52,520 16 7

	1906. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.
Subscriptions	25,562 3 6	26,313 6 6
,, Arrears of former years	522 17 1	318 12 11
Journal Account, Total Receipts ... ... See *Abstract G* ...	24,912 8 11	25,259 11 0
Interest on Investments and Rents	947 13 7	570 5 0
Returned Scientific Grants	56 19 10	59 1 2
	£52,002 2 11	£52,520 16 7

Abstract A.]

General Association Expenses.

	1906. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.
Auditors' Fee ...	105 0 0	105 0 0
Bank Charges ...	51 16 6	94 3 8
Legal Expenses	552 0 7	703 3 1
Research Scholarships ...	612 10 0	650 0 0
Scientific Grants ...	341 0 0	350 0 0
Chloroform Committee Special Grant ...	100 0 0	—
Royal Commission on Vivisection Special Grant	25 0 0	—
Office—Petty Cash ...	190 12 0	148 3 10
Sundries ...	194 4 0	169 0 11
	£2,172 3 1	£2,219 11 6

Abstract B.]

Central Meetings Expenses.

Railway Fares, Printing and Reporting.

	1906. £ s. d.	1906. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.
ANNUAL MEETING—Cost of *Daily Journal*, &c. ...	196 17 4		101 17 3	
" " Expenses of Sections ...	7 2 4		56 13 7	
		203 19 8		158 10 10
REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS—				
Railway Fares ...	237 2 1		577 13 4	
Printing, &c. ...	161 11 11		247 6 7	
Hire of Hall, Furniture, &c. ...	99 17 4		43 13 1	
		498 11 4		868 13 0
COUNCIL—				
Railway Fares ...	704 3 7		633 18 11	
Printings ...	40 0 0		100 5 6	
Reporting ...	77 3 6		69 6 0	
		821 7 1		803 10 5

Committees.

Arrangements Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	32 1 10		24 11 2	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	3 17 0		6 7 0	
		35 18 10		30 18 2
Chloroform Committee—				
Railway Fares ...		7 0 4		1 4 8
Colonial Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	1 5 0			
Miscellaneous Printings ...	10 8 0			4 19 6
		11 13 0		
Chairmen of Committees—				
Miscellaneous Printings ...		4 14 6		—
Election Returns Committee—				
Railway Fares ...			3 6 0	
		12 16 8	11 8 6	
				14 14 6
Ethical Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	100 4 10		103 1 1	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	43 18 0		61 11 5	
		144 2 10		164 12 6
Hospitals Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	58 19 0		85 11 6	
Miscellaneous Printings, &c. ...	31 19 6		18 3 6	
Reporting ...	7 17 6		—	
		98 16 0		103 15 0
Irish Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	84 7 3		79 0 0	
Miscellaneous Printings, &c. ...	31 14 6		4 2 3	
		116 1 9		83 2 3
Joint Hospitals Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	—		13 15 11	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	—		4 11 0	
				18 6 11
Carried forward ...		1,955 2 0		2,252 7 9

Committees—*continued.*

	1906. s. d.	1906. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.
Brought forward ...		1,955 2 0		2,252 7 9
Journal and Finance Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	77 8 2		67 15 10	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	17 17 5		32 0 6	
Reporting ...	27 16 6		36 4 6	
		123 2 1		136 0 10
Medico-Political Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	521 6 5		210 14 7	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	176 13 11		88 0 6	
General Election Circulars and Despatch ...	56 10 4		—	
		754 10 8		298 15 1
Naval and Military Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	10 3 6		13 5 3	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	2 13 6		9 5 0	
		12 17 0		22 10 3
Organisation Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	94 0 0		149 9 4	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	79 16 8		105 19 3	
		173 16 8		255 8 7
Poor Law Inquiry Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	25 13 4		43 16 11	
Miscellaneous Printings, &c. ...	13 17 1		6 1 0	
		39 10 5		49 17 11
Premises Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	78 10 2		28 18 9	
Printings ...	10 1 6		4 7 8	
		88 11 8		33 6 5
Proprietary Drugs Committee—				
Railway Fares ...		13 2		—
Public Health Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	86 8 4		73 4 6	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	20 3 0		12 7 9	
		106 11 4		85 12 3
Puerperal Morbidity Committee—				
Railway Fares ...		62 5 0		—
Referendum Committee—				
Railway Fares ...		—		16 18 8
Science Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	42 2 7		69 19 1	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	50 0 0		25 16 6	
		92 2 7		95 15 7
Scottish Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	48 1 11		49 2 6	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	5 0 0		1 10 6	
		53 1 11		50 13 0
Special Finance Enquiry Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	5 3 6		15 4 6	
Miscellaneous Printings ...	7 9 7		22 19 9	
		12 13 1		38 4 3
Superannuation Committee—				
Mr. Ackland's Fee (Actuary) ...		26 5 0		—
Therapeutic Committee—				
Railway Fares ...		47 10 5		52 11 1
Volunteer Medical Committee—				
Railway Fares ...	64 9 4			
Miscellaneous Printings ...	3 18 0			
Reporting ...	9 9 0			
		77 16 4		—
Paper for Miscellaneous Printing in connection with Committees ...		70 0 0		60 0 0
		£3,696 9 4		£3,448 1 8

Abstract C.]

Central Premises Expenses.

	1906. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.
Cleaning Offices	173 8 0	196 17 6
Coals and Coke	61 7 0	44 4 11
General Repairs and Upkeep	73 4 7	57 9 3
Rates and Taxes, Insurance, Gas and Electric Light, and Rent	905 8 0	1,141 19 3
	£1,213 7 7	£1,440 10 11

Abstract D.]

Central Printing, Stationery and Postage Expenses.

	1906.	1907.
Miscellaneous Printing	379 17 3	206 14 7
Office—General Postage :—		
General Secretary's Department	442 1 0	419 18 8
Medical Secretary's Department	127 17 7	100 17 8
Stationery	454 4 0	456 8 4
Year Book, Printing, Postage, &c.	744 10 0	—
	£2,149 4 10	£1,183 19 3

Abstract E.]

Central Staff Expenses.

	1906.		1907.	
General Secretary	800 0 0		800 0 0	
Assistant Secretary	275 0 0		300 0 0	
Clerical Staff, General Office, Journal, Subscription and Advertisement Departments	2,671 13 7	3,746 13 7	2,666 11 6	3,766 11 6
Less Proportion of Salaries debited to Journal Account		1,906 12 0		1,932 2 0
		1,840 1 7		1,834 9 6
Medical Secretary	737 10 0		750 0 0	
Assistant Medical Secretary	250 0 0		250 0 0	
Clerical Staff (Medical Secretary's Department)	537 18 0	1,525 8 0	575 6 0	1,575 6 0
Donation to Charing Cross Hospital		10 10 0		10 10 0
Pension—Late General Secretary		600 0 0		600 0 0
TRAVELLING EXPENSES :—				
General Secretary's Department		274 16 4		73 4 11
Medical Secretary's Department		150 12 10		132 0 1
Amount Voted to Office Staff Superannuation Fund		300 0 0		300 0 0
		£4,701 8 9		£4 525 10 6

Abstract F.]

Library Account.

	£ s. d.
To Balance	2,259 18 0
" Purchase of Books	84 6 6
" Binding Books	32 4 0
" Librarian's Salary	250 0 0
" Printing and Postage of Circulars	5 10 7
	£2,631 19 1

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Librarian's Salary	250 0 0	
" Printing and Posting of Circulars	5 10 7	
		255 10 7
Amount written off for Depreciation		200 0 0
Balance carried to Balance Sheet		2,176 8 6
		£2,631 19 1

Abstract G.]

JOURNAL ACCOUNT.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December, 1907.

	1906. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.
EDITORIAL.		
Salaries—Editor	1,000 0 0	1,000 0 0
" Assistant Editor	750 0 0	750 0 0
" Sub-Editor	250 0 0	262 10 0
" Clerical Staff	418 19 10	431 8 0
Contributions and Reporting	3,329 4 0	3,300 8 3
Engraving	395 14 0	225 15 6
Legal Expenses	18 3 0	7 6 10
Postage	73 11 5	69 0 0
Analyses	37 14 6	69 2 0
Travelling Expenses, Papers, &c.	187 1 11	150 18 7
Advance Slips circulated to the Press	27 18 9	23 7 0
	6,488 7 5	6,289 16 2
JOURNAL—Compositors' Wages, Machining, &c.	8,000 9 10	8,142 8 11
" Paper	8,195 19 0	8,406 14 0
SUPPLEMENT—Compositors' Wages, Machining, &c.	874 0 0	970 3 8
" Paper	873 7 4	962 16 8
Postage for dispatch of JOURNAL	4,222 0 0	4,426 11 5
Address Bands for Issuing JOURNAL	458 5 3	483 5 3
Proportion of Manager's and Clerks' Salaries	1,906 12 0	1,932 2 0
General Postage	100 0 0	115 0 0
Miscellaneous Printing	25 0 0	26 0 0
Reprints	126 8 7	142 15 10
Stationery (Ledgers, Letter Books, &c.)	100 0 0	100 0 0
Travelling Expenses	17 5 3	14 9 2
Compositors' Sick Fund	10 10 0	10 10 0
Sundries	20 0 0	15 0 0
	£31,418 4 8	£32,037 13 1

	1906. £ s. d.	1907. £ s. d.
Advertisements	21,281 4 10	21,666 10 11
Sundry Sales—Journals	2,280 0 6	2,321 18 11
" Reading and Binding Covers, &c.	120 18 8	87 17 11
" Reprints	154 4 4	199 7 5
Sale of Waste, &c.	35 13 9	40 4 0
Discounts on Machining, Paper, &c.	1,040 6 10	943 11 10
	24,912 8 11	25,259 11 0
Balance, expended in cost of production and issue of the Journal out of the Revenue of £26,631 19s. 5d. derived from Subscriptions to the Association	6,505 15 9	6,778 2 1
	£31,418 4 8	£32,037 13 1

New Premises Account.

1907.		£ s. d.
Dec. 31.	To Balance, being amount of Loan	11,354 12 8
		£11,354 12 8

1907.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1.	By Balance	154 0 0
	,, Amount paid Builders	10,000 0 0
	,, Fees to Messrs. Glasier & Bircham	131 6 0
	,, Compensation to owners of adjacent property	214 6 8
	,, Fees to Mr. Percy Adams (architect)	700 0 0
	,, Clerk of Work's Salary	155 0 0
		£11,354 12 8

TRUST FUNDS.

Stewart Fund.

Interest of £579 4 per cent. Caledonian Railway Debenture Stock, in the name of the British Medical Association.

1907.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1.	To Balance brought over from 1906	34 16 10
	,, Interest	22 0 0
		£56 16 10

1907.		£ s. d.
Dec. 31.	By Cash at Bank	56 16 10
		£56 16 10

Middlemore Fund.

Interest of £666 13s. 4d. 3 per cent. North British Railway Debenture Stock, in the name of the British Medical Association.

1907.		£ s. d.
Jan. 1.	To Balance brought over from 1906	112 16 5
	,, Interest	22 5 6
		£135 1 11

1907.		£ s. d.
Dec. 31.	By Advertising	4 17 10
	,, Engrossing	1 17 6
	,, Fee to Adjudicator	5 5 0
	,, Award to Sydney Stephenson, M.B., C.M., F.R.C.S.	50 0 0
	,, Cash at Bank	73 1 7
		£135 1 11

We certify, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1900, that all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. Having examined the above Balance Sheet, dated 31st December, 1907, with the books and vouchers of the Association, and having verified the investments held by the Bank on account of the Association and of the above Trust Funds, and having verified the possession by the Bankers of the Association of the Deeds of the Properties, 429, Strand, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Agar Street, and 2 and 3, Harvey's Buildings, we report that the Balance Sheet is in our opinion properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Association's affairs as shown by the books of the Association.

EDWIN RAYNER,
Honorary Treasurer.

GUY ELLISTON,
General Secretary and Manager.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE, & CO.,
3, Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, E.C.,
14th April, 1908.

British Medical Association.

OFFICE STAFF SUPERANNUATION FUND.

Balance Sheet 31st December, 1907.

Dr. **Cr.**

Office Staff Superannuation Fund.

1907.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jan. 1.	To Balance brought over from 1906	1,994 10 3	
	" Less amount written off Investment	60 5 4	
			1,934 4 11
	" Payments by Members of Staff	93 15 4	
	Refunded Mr. Hunnex 2 8 9		
	" Exors. Mr. Hanchet 1 6 0		
	" Miss Higginson 2 10 7		
		6 5 4	
			87 10 0
	" Vote from General Funds		300 0 0
	" Interest on Investments		58 17 2
			£2 380 12 1

1907.		£ s. d.
	By Balance carried down—	
	" Cash at Bank	45 9 4
	INVESTMENTS—	
	" £600 Cape of Good Hope 3 per cent. Stock bought @ 92¾	558 1 0
	" £100 Bristol Corporation 3½ per cent. Redeemable Stock, bought 1906	100 0 0
	" £400 Midland Railway 2½ per cent. Consolidated Perpetual Guaranteed Stock, bought 1906	313 9 6
	" £140 New Zealand 4 per cent. 1929 Stock, bought 1906	151 5 0
	" £200 Furness Railway Consolidated 4 per cent. Preferential Stock, 1981, bought 1906	214 7 6
	" £250 Bank of England Stock @ 280	700 0 0
	" £350 India Stock 3 per cent.	297 19 9
		£2,380 12 1

We have examined the above Balance Sheet, with the Books and Vouchers of the Fund, and find it to be correct. We have examined the investments held on account of the Fund.

EDWIN RAYNER,
Honorary Treasurer.

GUY ELLISTON,
General Secretary and Manager.

PRICE, WATERHOUSE, & CO.,
3, Frederick's Place, Old Jewry, E.C.,
14th April, 1908.

Library Account (Abstract F.).

The expenses occurring in connexion with the Library remain normal.

The Journal Account Expenses (Abstract G.).

Editorial.

On the Editorial side there is little variation to comment on. The Engraving is £170 less than in 1906. It will be in the recollection of members that in that year the number of special plates issued was considerable.

Machining and Paper.

The mechanical production of the Journal and Supplement and the Compositors' Wages each show an increase, due to a larger amount of matter having to be set. In the Journal itself there were 20 pages less, but in the Supplement there were 100 pages more, and 20 pages increase in the Advertisement Sheets. Further, in 1906, 1,219,346 copies of the Journal had to be produced, while in the period under review this number increased to 1,247,463, or an average of 540 extra copies a week.

Consequent upon the additional pages and the increased circulation owing to the growth of membership, the paper required has been more. At one time it was feared, owing to the increased cost of raw material, that the Journal might have to pay higher prices for the paper, but fortunately these fears were not realized.

"Journal" Postage.

The postage for the dispatch of the Journal has increased by £200. Here, again, additional pages exercise an influence on the expenditure under this head, especially in the case of those Journals going outside the United Kingdom.

Subscriptions.

It has been necessary to write off the amount due for subscriptions to the Association by £150 more than in 1906 owing to deaths, arrears, and other causes.

After taking all the foregoing heads of expenditure into account, the outgoings for 1907 have been less than 1906 by about £400. It has been thought prudent to write down in your books the value of the Library, Plant and Type, and furniture and fittings by some £600 more than in 1906.

As to the Investments, one of the most noteworthy features of the year under review has been the continuance of that depreciation in Stock Exchange Securities so marked in the year 1906. This has necessitated the still further writing down of the stocks held by the Association.

After making allowances for all these contingencies, there is a sum of just over £1,300 to be carried to the reserve, which now stands at £104,090.

The Sources of Revenue.

Members' Subscriptions to the Association.

Turning to the sources of Revenue, it is gratifying to see that again the receipts from subscriptions have steadily expanded, and mark the uninterrupted progress of the Association.

Revenue from Advertisements in the "Journal."

Examining the revenue from Advertisements in the Journal, it is recognized that during the year 1907 trade was bad. Many causes were at work to create such conditions. The high prices prevailing for raw material caused manufacturers to hesitate in their commitments, and the tendency with advertising firms was to limit themselves to less space. There must have been a marked shrinkage in the receipts had it not been for the extensive development in new directions. Thus, in spite of adverse conditions, the receipts from advertisements show an increase of £400.

When it is borne in mind that in the receipts for 1906 the amount derived from advertisements in the Year Book was also included, strict comparison would show an increase of £700 over 1906. It is only during the year under review that the full benefit of the increased advertising charges has been realized, such a result fully justifying the improved form of the Journal introduced in 1906 on the representations of the Editor and General Secretary. It is satisfactory to mention the remarkable immunity from bad debts, notwithstanding the increase in the number of advertisers, and the pushing of business wider afield. Out of the Revenue of £21,666 a sum of £40 had to be written off. Just on £30 of this amount was due from one advertiser who had done considerable business with the Journal for some years. A further proof, if necessary, of the great care exercised in carrying on the business of the Journal.

Other items of Revenue under the Journal Account show little variation.

Investments and Rents.

With reference to the interest from investments the Revenue has been fully maintained; it is the absence of rents owing to the rebuilding of the Strand property which has caused the shrinkage.

The Balance Sheet.

In the Balance Sheet the liabilities of December 31st are not so large as at the end of 1906, and it is satisfactory that the overdraft on the General account at the Bankers was less by some £2,000.

Of the Assets, the furniture and fittings stand at £250 less, the Library at £100 less and the Plant and Type at £250 less. The necessity for writing down the Type to this extent being due to the fact that it has been in use for nearly its full life.

The amount of £11,354 expended on the new premises in course of construction represents the sums paid over to the Builders and others up to December 31st last.

The Bank of England Stock and the Midland Railway Preferential Stock appear at the prices they stood at at the end of the year, which represents practically their value at the time of drafting this Report.

In conclusion, a careful study of the accounts, which are now submitted in considerable detail, should satisfy members that the finances of the Association are on a thoroughly sound footing.

ESTIMATE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1908.

(15) In submitting an estimate of Receipts and Expenditure for the current year, the expenses arising out of the rebuilding of the Strand and Agar Street Properties are not brought into this schedule, as these are dealt with in the New Premises Account.

Receipts.

	£
Subscriptions	27,000
Advertisements	21,750
Sundry Sales of Journals, etc.	2,600
Interest from Investments, etc.	400
Discounts on Paper	1,000
	£52,750

Expenditure.

	£
General Association Expenses	2,500
Central Meeting Expenses	3,050
Central Premises Expenses	1,850
Central Printing, Stationery, and Postages ...	1,300
Central Staff Expenses	4,500
Library	250
Journal Account	32,600
Capitation Grants to Branches	3,750
Arrears of Subscriptions	750
Depreciation of Furniture, Plant, and Type ...	900
	£51,450
Estimated Balance to carry to Surplus Funds of the Association	1,300
	£52,750

APPORTIONMENT OF MEMBER'S SUBSCRIPTION.

(16) The following shows how the subscription of 25s. has been apportioned for defraying the expenses of the Association for the year ending December 31st, 1907. Details of expenditure under each head are given in the

various schedules of the Financial Statement for the year.

	£	s.	d.
General Association Expenses	2,219	2	1
Central Meeting Expenses	3,448	3	1
Central Premises	1,440	1	2
Printing, Stationery, and Postage	1,183	1	1
Library	255	0	2
Central Staff Expenses	4,525	4	1
JOURNAL and SUPPLEMENT (Advertisements, etc., £25,259)	6,778	6	3
Written off Subscriptions	913	0	8
Written off for Depreciation of Investments, Plant and Type, Library, Furniture, and Fittings	1,624	1	3
Carried to Surplus...	1,319	1	2
	23,704	21	0
Capitation Grants to Branches		4	0
		25	0

THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

(17) The diversity of interests among members engaged in different departments and kinds of practice, and in all parts of the British Empire, is reflected in the pages of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, but special attention is continuously given to clinical medicine, the practice of which is the daily occupation of the majority. During nine months of the year scarcely a number of the JOURNAL is issued without one or more careful clinical studies, in the form of lectures or addresses on medical and surgical subjects of special interest to the profession either because new lines of treatment are being advocated or because a disease has become specially prevalent; as examples may be mentioned addresses and articles on the treatment of fractures and on epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis.

In the spring of 1907 an opportunity was afforded of publishing two remarkable tributes, which by a coincidence appeared in the same number, to the achievements in surgery and medicine respectively of two of the most illustrious representatives of the British profession—Sir Hector Cameron's lectures on Lord Lister and the evolution of wound treatment, and Sir Victor Horsley's foundation lecture on Dr. Hughlings Jackson's views of the functions of the cerebellum as illustrated by recent research. During two or three months in the autumn the JOURNAL had, as is customary, the advantage of publishing full reports of the debates in the Sections of the Annual Meeting on subjects chosen by the officers of the Sections, who are in the best position to form a correct judgement as to the topics which have become ripe for discussion. The publication of the reports of the successful meeting in Exeter was concluded on November 23rd, and it will be a matter of satisfaction both to members in general and to those who take an active part in the work of the Sections that through its JOURNAL the Association is able to publish the proceedings so rapidly, and to ensure to them so wide a circulation.

In addition to these sources of information the publication of the reports of the scientific proceedings of Divisions and Branches of the Association, of the meetings of many of the principal societies in the three Kingdoms, and of numerous short papers and memoranda contributed mainly by general practitioners, places before members week by week a large mass of clinical material, from which useful practical hints may be gathered. Through the EPITOME of current medical literature, and through the special correspondence, readers are given the opportunity of following the development of ideas in the chief foreign centres of medical activity, and in this very necessary task they are, your Council believe, materially aided by the reviews of foreign books, all the most important of which are now received by the JOURNAL.

The reports of the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis contained so much matter of the highest scientific and practical value that it was deemed proper to publish full analyses, while an impartial report of the evidence given before the Royal Commission on Vivisection has been published at an early date after the minutes became available. The evidence was very voluminous, but the Council believes that the interest which every member must take in the subject fully justifies the expenditure of space which even in a much condensed form this publication has required.

Many matters affecting the social and material interests of the profession were dealt with during the year, and elucidated by special articles and by correspondence. As instances, reference may be made to the discussion of the policy of the University of London especially in relation to education and medical science; to the analysis of the Workmen's Compensation Act as it affects members of the medical profession, whether as experts, employers, or employed; and to the series of articles on motor cars for medical men, which have been highly commended by members possessing practical experience, and have, your Council understands, been a useful guide to others who have found it advisable to consider the adoption for professional purposes of this speedy and convenient means of locomotion.

The publication of the weekly SUPPLEMENT containing reports of those parts of the work of the Association which may be included under the general term medico-political, of Bills, Acts, and Government documents affecting medical interests, and some other official matter, has been continued, the number of pages required being a little in excess of that found necessary in the preceding year.

COMMITTEES.

(18) The number of Committee Meetings has been rather less than in the previous year, though the sittings have been longer. The bulk of work undertaken and accomplished has been very great, and has involved the sacrifice of much time on the part of the Members. The Council realizes that the Association owes a deep debt of gratitude to the Members of the various Committees, who, by their regular and devoted attendance, have done so much to advance the interests of the Association and of the Medical Profession.

CENTRAL ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

(19) The Central Ethical Committee has held three meetings since the Annual Representative Meeting.

The work devolving upon the Committee shows no sign of decrease, either in respect of cases affecting individual practitioners (both members of the Association and non-members) referred to it for adjudication, or in respect of the general questions of ethical principle upon which it assists in defining the policy of the Association.

The present report is confined to those matters which have been the subject of definite resolutions of the Council.

The following minutes of the Annual Representative Meeting were duly considered by the Central Ethical Committee and by the Council in October:

> Upon consideration of the paragraph in the Annual Report of the Central Ethical Committee as to the Association acting as prosecutors before the General Medical Council,
>
> 70. Resolved, by 91 votes to 2:
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> That this Meeting approve the action of the Ethical Committee, and express the opinion that, so long as action by the Association as Complainant before the General Medical Council is desirable on other grounds, it should not be discontinued only on the ground of the position of Members of the Association who are Members of the General Medical Council
>
> 71. Proposed by Dr. James Hamilton (Council), seconded by Dr. A. Walker (South Edinburgh):
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> That in view of the letter of the President of the General Medical Council, and in view of Counsel's opinion, placed before the Central Council at the meeting of June 5th last, this Representative Meeting do hereby rescind for the present the Resolution (Minute 312) passed at the Annual Representative Meeting of 1906, in the following terms, viz.:
>
> That it is absolutely necessary, in the interests of the Medical Profession, that the Association should take up cases of a penal nature before the General Medical Council, as Complainants.
>
> The motion was lost by 98 votes to 1.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, the Council passed the following resolutions:

That the Council instruct the Central Ethical Committee to act on behalf of the Association in giving effect to the instructions of the Representative Meeting.

That the Central Ethical Committee be authorized to incur an expenditure not exceeding £25 in the pre-

sentation of any single case to the General Medical Council.

That the Central Ethical Committee be authorized to depute to its Standing Subcommittee the duty of dealing with such cases on behalf of the Committee in emergency.

Rules submitted by Divisions and Branches have been approved by the Council in accordance with general principles previously laid down. The Central Ethical Committee is engaged in the revision of the Model Rules which relate to ethical matters, and, pending the completion of such revision, the Council has not sanctioned any Rules involving material departures of policy.

The painful duty has again devolved upon the Council of expelling two members of the Association, the offences in the case of one member having consisted in his having made an unjustifiable and unprofessional public attack upon the character and status of another member, and having issued advertisements which were considered by the General Medical Council to be infamous in a professional respect, while in the other case the member had accepted an appointment in defiance of the Rules of the Division of which he was a member.

In a third case of proposed expulsion, on the ground of the acceptance of an appointment, the Council, having had regard to the special circumstances of the case, considered that, though the action of the member in question had been unprofessional, he should be afforded an opportunity of resigning his membership, which he accordingly did.

In connexion with the revision of By-law 41, relating to the position and duties of Standing Committees, which has been carried out by the Organization Committee, pursuant to instructions of the Council, as stated in the section of this report dealing with the work of that Committee, opportunity has been taken to revise the reference to the Central Ethical Committee, in order to remove certain difficulties which have been found to arise, through ambiguities in the reference as previously stated. The new reference will make clear the authority of the Committee, subject to appeal to the Council, to adjudicate in any question of professional conduct in which a member of the Association is concerned, and also to adjudicate in cases affecting non-members. The new form of reference also makes clear the position, which it is thought desirable that the Council should occupy, as a court of appeal from the decisions of the Committee.

Up to the present the Council has technically exercised a supervision over all the work of the Central Ethical Committee, as of other Committees, through the system of presentation of quarterly reports in which reference is made to all work done. In view, however, of the large amount of work requiring the attention of the Council at its quarterly meetings, the supervision that can in this way be exercised over the detail of the work of one Committee is necessarily small. Under the By-law in its proposed amended form, the Council would be called upon to investigate fully any case in which a member formally appealed from a decision of the Ethical Committee. Such cases would be completely retried, while in all other cases the decision of the Committee would be final.

CHLOROFORM COMMITTEE.

(20) The *Chloroform Committee* has decided to wind up the work of the Committee by a critical review of the work done under its direction, as well as of all such work bearing upon the subject of its reference and done outside its immediate control. And further to set forth in a compendious form the results arrived at and the conclusions which the Committee considers may be justly drawn from the work done. The main point in its reference the Committee considers is that of safe dosage by chloroform, and it is felt that if it presents a full report upon this, with the evidence upon which its conclusions are founded, and embodies it in a form which will be accessible to all the members of the Profession, the Committee will be carrying out the wishes of the Council and will render practical aid to the members of the Association.

It is suggested that the report shall be issued as a small volume and so be available for general reference.

COLONIAL COMMITTEE.

(21) The Colonial Committee has held one meeting since the Annual Representative Meeting.

The question of medical legislation in Australasia is still under consideration, and, in continuance of previous correspondence with the New South Wales Branch, that Branch has been requested to take up again certain action with a view to bringing about uniformity of legislation among the Australian States, which the Branch postponed in the spring of 1907 owing to certain special political conditions of the time.

Ordinances, to provide for the registration of medical practitioners and dentists, in the Crown Colonies in West Africa, forwarded by the Colonial Office for the consideration of the Association, have been examined and found to be satisfactory, except as regards the provisions relating to the recognition of foreign diplomas. The terms of such recognition do not appear entirely equitable to British and Colonial practitioners. Since, however, it has been pointed out by the Colonial Office that the provisions in question are uniform with those of the Medical Acts of the United Kingdom, the question has been referred to the Medico-Political Committee in order that it may be considered in connexion with the Medical Acts Consolidation Bill.

At the request of the Gibraltar Branch the question is under consideration of supporting that Branch in the effort to obtain amendment of the medical ordinances now in force in Gibraltar, specially the incorporation of a provision for penalizing unprofessional conduct of registered practitioners.

HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

(22) The Hospitals Committee has met three times since the Annual Representative Meeting of 1907.

The Committee has taken note of Minutes 115, 118, and 119 of the Annual Representative Meeting at Exeter as constituting Standing Instructions which will govern the future policy of the Association in the matters referred to, namely:

Minute 115 "That compulsory payments by patients to hospitals, other than cottage hospitals, should cease."

Minute 118 "That the production of subscribers' letters should cease to be compulsory."

Minute 119. "That inquiry into a patient's circumstances should invariably take place."

Upon the following question submitted to the Divisions, namely, "Should a certificate be required from the medical attendants of all persons attending out-patient departments?" the opinion of the Divisions was almost equally balanced, and the Representative Meeting referred it to the Committee for further consideration. Having regard to the voting of the Divisions, the Committee does not recommend further consideration of the subject.

Pursuant to the instruction of the Annual Representative Meeting at Exeter (Minutes 121 to 124) the Committee has considered the resolutions of Divisions, and the suggestions made in the Annual Representative Meeting, with respect to the Proposals on Hospital Administration which were circulated to the Divisions with the Report of the Committee in March, 1907.

The Committee has also considered, in conjunction with the Committee of the United Kingdom Hospitals Conference, the replies of Hospitals throughout the country on the same proposals. Certain emendations have been made, and the proposals, as amended are submitted with this Report for the consideration of the Representative Meeting.

The Council has approved of the continued co-operation of the Association, through the Hospitals Committee, in the work of the United Kingdom Hospitals Conference during the past year, and a very successful Conference was held on April 1st and 2nd. In accordance with the instructions of the Annual Representative Meeting (Minutes 126 and 127), a *précis* Report of the proceedings is being circulated to the Divisions. A full Report appeared in the JOURNAL of April 11th, 1908.

The Council thinks it desirable that the Association should continue to co-operate in this movement, which, by promoting a good understanding between representatives of hospitals and of the medical profession, must be advantageous alike to the public and the profession.

The Committee has been appealed to for advice and support in disputes at three important hospitals as to staffing. The first was in connexion with the Bristol

Royal Infirmary. The Governors of this Institution endeavoured to introduce a new rule restraining members of the honorary staff from holding any other appointments. The dispute was ultimately settled to the satisfaction of the staff and the settlement approved by the local profession. The other two disputes are still in progress.

The Hospitals Committee has recommended the issue of a number of the JOURNAL to be devoted largely, but not exclusively, to Hospitals questions and the Council has adopted the recommendation. This special Number of the JOURNAL will appear in June.

A Friendly Societies' Organization, under the name of the National Association for the Establishment and Maintenance of Sanatoria for Workers suffering from Tuberculosis, applied to the Association for support in its endeavours to obtain gratuitous services of physicians as medical referees. Representatives of the Hospitals Committee and of the Medico-Political Committee received a deputation of the Association in question, and those Committees made the following recommendations, which were approved by the Council:

(a) That the appointment of any special medical referee is, in the opinion of the Subcommittee, unnecessary.

(b) That the requirements of the case could best be met by drawing up suitable forms of certificate for signature by the ordinary medical attendants of the patients whose admission to the Sanatorium is proposed, with provision for taking a second opinion in cases of need, at the discretion of the medical attendant. The fee of the person called in to be paid by the Sanatorium Association; such fee to be one guinea.

(c) That medical referees, if appointed, be paid.

IRISH COMMITTEE.

(23) The Irish Committee met four times during 1907—twice in Dublin, once in Galway, and once in Cork.

The direct result of the Galway meeting was the organization of the Connaught Branch, and the consequent strengthening of the Committee by the two representatives of that Branch.

In response to a request from the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws asking for the views of the medical profession on the Viceregal Commission report, a resolution was adopted and forwarded through the Council praying the Royal Commission to accept and approve the Viceregal report. A favourable reply was subsequently received.

The Committee drew up a memorandum of points to be included in a Public Health Bill for Ireland. This has been submitted to the Irish Branches and Divisions for consideration.

The question of the medical inspection of school children in Ireland has occupied much of the Committee's time. The Local Government Board for Ireland and the Commissioners for National Education have been successively approached, but without effect. A circular letter on the subject sent to all Irish members of Parliament has, however, elicited a large number of sympathetic replies.

The attention of the Local Government Board for Ireland has been directed to the necessity of making compulsory a satisfactory scale of salaries for Poor-law medical officers.

Other matters considered by the Committee during the year include: The Midwives (Ireland) Bill, Memorandum of Irish Branch of Medico-Psychological Association, the Local Government Board list of medical appliances, questions to Irish parliamentary candidates, etc.

MEDICO-POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

(24) The Medico-Political Committee has held three meetings since the Annual Representative Meeting, and its labours have been facilitated by the assistance of Subcommittees, which have held numerous meetings. Attention is confined in the present Report to matters which have formed the subject of Resolutions of the Council.

Pursuant to instructions of the Representative Meeting the Committee has considered the question of the medical inspection of school children, which required prompt attention in the autumn of 1907, owing to the fact that Local Authorities were obliged, pursuant to the provisions of the Education (Administrative Provisions) Act, 1907, to make arrangements for the carrying out of this duty forthwith. It thus became necessary for the Committee to issue, with the Council's approval, a Report for the consideration of the Divisions which the Council had not the opportunity of previously considering. The Council has approved a further Report, to be issued immediately, as to the salaries which should be paid to whole-time Medical Inspectors of School Children.

The Council, on the recommendation of the Medico-Political Committee, has given directions for the preparation of evidence to be laid by the Association before the Departmental Committee which the Home Secretary has announced his intention of appointing, to investigate the methods of treatment of Inebriety and Drug habits at present adopted in this country. With reference to the same subject, of Inebriety and Drug habits, the Council has also acceded to an application by the Church of England Temperance Society that the assistance of the Association should be given in an investigation into the alleged increased prevalence of such infirmities among women. The Association has helped in the drafting of the forms of inquiry, and Honorary Secretaries of Divisions have been requested to assist in the circulation of the forms to Members of their respective Divisions. The analysis of the replies will be carried out in the Medical Secretary's Office under the direction of the Medico-Political Committee.

The question of the employment of honorary medical referees by the National Association for the Establishment of Sanatoria for Workers Suffering from Tuberculosis has been investigated by the Hospitals and Medico-Political Committees, and, on the recommendation of these Committees, the Council has expressed certain opinions which are stated in the Section of this Report relative to the work of the Hospitals Committee.

At the instance of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch the question has been considered of recent action by the Lancashire County Council restricting Coroners from paying additional fees to medical men who give evidence at inquests when, through a journment, attendance for more than one day is necessary. The Association is legally advised that the action of the Lancashire County Council is in accordance with the present law, and the Council has given directions for steps to be taken with a view to such amendment of the law as will remedy this injustice to medical practitioners.

The attention of the Council has been specially drawn, by resolutions of several Divisions and Branches, to the necessity for some action by the Association for the reform of medical law, particularly as regards unqualified practice, it being suggested that a Royal Commission should be appointed. The Council, while approving the principle of an application being made in due course to the Government for the appointment of a Royal Commission, considers that certain preparatory work is necessary in the collection of evidence to illustrate the abuses in question, and has given directions for the preparation of such evidence. The Council has also approved of the British Medical Association becoming a member of the International Society for the Suppression of Quackery.

The revision, pursuant to instructions of the Representative Meeting, and the introduction in due course into Parliament of the Medical and Dentists Acts Consolidation and Amendment Bill, which is undergoing final revision by the Medico Political Committee and Counsel, will also assist in drawing the attention of the Government to the various abuses which require remedy.

In view of the introduction again into Parliament of the Dogs Protection Bill, having for its object the prohibition of experiments upon dogs, the Council has directed the circulation to Members of both Houses of Parliament of a leaflet, drawn up by the Medico-Political Committee, explaining the necessity for such experiments.

Various Bills introduced into Parliament upon the question of the State Registration of Nurses have received due attention, and the Council has directed that action should be taken on behalf of the Association in accordance with the policy already laid down by the Annual Representative Meeting, namely, that the Association should support, in principle, the State Registration of Nurses, whilst scrutinizing the details of any Bill having this object. On the other hand the Council has considered it to be its duty to oppose on behalf of the

Association a Bill introduced into the House of Lords for the establishment of an "Official Directory of Nurses."

NAVAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEE.

(25) The Naval and Military Committee has held two meetings since the Annual Representative Meeting.

The Council has pleasure in reporting that the action taken in the Session 1906-7 with regard to the payment of passages of the families of officers of the Army Medical Corps proceeding to foreign Stations on duty has been completely successful, such grants being now made, not only by the War Office in the case of officers proceeding to Stations other than India, but also by the Government of India in the case of officers proceeding to that country.

The question of the position of the Director-General of the Army Medical Service has again received consideration. The Council regrets to report that the Association has not yet been successful in securing the recognition by the War Office of the importance of hygienic considerations in military administration which the appointment of the Director-General as a member of the Army Council would afford.

A final reply has been received from the Colonial Office with regard to a case which has been for some time under consideration, of a member of the Association, a former Surgeon-Captain in the British South Africa Police, who was removed from his appointment by the action of the Local Administration of the British South Africa Company, in circumstances which appeared to the Naval and Military Committee to constitute serious injustice. The Secretary of State for the Colonies states that he is unable to consider the matter further, owing to the refusal of the British South Africa Company to give such compensation as the British Medical Association considers equitable. The question is under consideration of the steps which should be taken, in view of this result, to advise members of the profession who may contemplate taking appointments under the British South Africa Company.

A member of the Association who is a Surgeon of the Royal Navy has brought under notice a recent Order of the Admiralty prohibiting Naval Surgeons from accepting fees from Coroners for evidence given at inquests, while leaving such officers under the Statutory obligation to give such evidence and make *post-mortem* examinations when so ordered by a Coroner. The question of making suitable representations to the Admiralty is under consideration.

The Naval and Military Committee and the Council have also under consideration a recent Order of the Government of India restricting practice by officers of the Indian Medical Service among natives of high social position.

ORGANISATION COMMITTEE.

(26) The duties of the Organisation Committee, since the last Annual Representative Meeting, have again been such as necessitate meetings almost every month.

DRAFT CHARTER.

An important part of the duties of the Committee has been in connexion with the revision of the draft Charter, the Council having delegated to that Committee the work of carrying out, in conference with Counsel (Mr. T. R. Colquhoun Dill), the amendments of the draft Charter, Ordinances, and By-laws which were required to give effect to the Resolutions of the Special Representative Meeting of May, 1907. The action taken in reference to this matter, and the recommendations made, form the subject of a Special Report.

BY-LAW 16: CAPITATION GRANTS.

Pursuant to the instruction of the Annual Representative Meeting at Exeter, the Committee has drafted a By-law to give effect to the principle of Variable Capitation Grants, which is submitted for the approval of the Representative Meeting as follows:

DRAFT AMENDED BY-LAW 16.

Grants to Branches: Ordinary.

(1) The Treasurer of the Association shall annually pay, or allow out of the funds of the Association, to the Treasurer of each Branch such sum, not exceeding four shillings, as the Council shall order to be paid, for each Member of the said Branch who has paid to the Association the full current annual subscription for that year, and such sum, not exceeding two shillings, as the Council shall order to be paid, for each Member elected after July 1st, who has paid to the Association half the current annual subscription.

(2) The grants made under this clause shall be applied to the expenses of the bodies to which they are made at the discretion of those bodies, and within the limits of the objects of the Association as defined in the Memorandum of Association.

(3) For the purpose of this By-law, those named in the Annual List for the time being in force as Members of any Branch, shall be deemed to be Members of the said Branch for the year in which such Annual List is published, and those elected by any Branch Council, whose membership dates from July 1st in any year and has been notified to the Council, shall be deemed to be Members of the said Branch for the ensuing half year.

(4) Provided that it shall be competent for the Treasurer in any year to make grants on account to any Branch prior to the publication of the Annual List for that year.

A Special Report on this subject and on the subject of the accumulation of Funds of Branches resulting from Capitation Grants has been prepared by the Committee, pursuant to the instructions of the Representative Meeting, and was published in the SUPPLEMENT for April 25th.

STANDING COMMITTEES: BY-LAW 41.

Attention having been drawn by the Naval and Military, Organisation, and Public Health Committees to the fact that, owing to certain alterations of the Articles of Association, effected in December, 1906, whereby the Chairman of Representative Meetings and Treasurer became members, *ex officio*, of all Committees, the number of members of the Committees named appointed by the Council was automatically reduced, the Council has prepared an amended form of By-law 41, which will have the effect of restoring the number of appointed members of each Committee to that originally fixed.

It has been thought desirable, at the same time, (*a*) to delete certain provisions now obsolete, such as those relative to the mode of election of the Medico-Political Committee and the Central Ethical Committee prior to the first Representative Meeting; (*b*) to make the references to the Standing Committees correspond with the duties which the Council has from time to time found it desirable to entrust to them; and (*c*) to provide that the Standing Committees shall report to, and shall act under the instructions of, the Council.

In the opinion of the Council it is desirable that the position of the Council as the general executive body of the Association should be definitely recognized, both by the above-mentioned amendment (*c*) of the By-law, and also by the Representative Meeting framing its instructions to the central executive bodies in all cases as instructions to the Council, and not as direct instructions to Standing Committees.

NOTIFICATION TO HONORARY SECRETARIES OF RESIGNATIONS TENDERED BY MEMBERS.

A proposal by a Branch that provision should be made for resignations of members not to take effect until they had been considered by the Divisions, has been found to be impracticable. Directions have, however, been given that Honorary Secretaries of Divisions and Branches shall at once be notified of resignations tendered by the members of those bodies.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT UNDER BY-LAW 18.

It has fallen to the duty of the Organisation Committee for the first time to advise the Council under By-law 18 upon an application for a "Supplementary Grant." The application in question was from the South Wales Branch for a grant in aid of administrative expenses incurred in connexion with the work of the Contract Practice Committee of that Branch. The circumstances taken into consideration by the Committee in advising the Council to make the grant were (*a*) the large amount (£1,400) voluntarily subscribed in the Branch area for the purpose; (*b*) a report from the Medico-Political Committee as to the value of the work in question; and (*c*) the

nature of the expenses to which the grant was to be applied, which were found to be such as could lawfully be defrayed from the funds of the Association.

AREAS AND BOUNDARIES.

The only important change in boundaries of Divisions and Branches has been the formation of an Assam Branch. Certain minor changes have also been carried out at the instance of those locally concerned. The formation of a West African Branch is under consideration.

GROUPING FOR REPRESENTATIVE PURPOSES.

Representative Meeting.

The Council has continued the grouping of Divisions for representation in the Representative Meeting, adopted for the year 1907-8, as the grouping for 1908-9, with the exception that the Ealing Division and the Watford and Harrow Division have been made independent constituencies.

Council.

The grouping of Branches for the election of Members of Council for the year 1907-8 has been continued for the year 1908 9 except as regards certain Colonial Branches, namely, the Victoria Branch, and the group of West Canadian Branches, each of which constituencies, having over 400 members, is now entitled to elect 2 members of Council.

RULES OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

Organisation Rules submitted by five Branches and four Divisions have been approved.

The Council has been unable to approve Rules submitted by the Natal Branch, Transvaal Branch, and Cape of Good Hope Western Province Branch, providing for proxy voting at General Meetings or Branch Council Meetings, as, upon legal advice, such Rules were deemed to be *ultra vires*.

The Malta and Mediterranean Branch, having submitted a Rule as follows:

> It shall be open to the Malta and Mediterranean Branch to elect any Member of the British Medical Association as their Representative on the Central Council,

has been requested to consider the advisability of adopting instead a Rule to the following general effect:

> The representative on the Central Council elected by the Malta and Mediterranean Branch (alone or in conjunction with other Branches, as may from time to time be determined by the Central Council of the Association) shall be a Member of the Association who is or has been a Member of the Branch, or of any of the Branches composing the same group.

TITLES OF DIVISION OFFICERS.

The instruction of the Representative Meeting that the titles of Division Officers should be uniform throughout the Association has been noted for attention when Rules dealing with the matter are submitted for the Council's approval, and those Divisions which had already adopted Rules in conflict therewith have been requested to make the necessary changes.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The forms of Annual Reports of Divisions to the Branches and of Branches to the Council have been revised with a view to increasing their utility and to facilitating the work of Honorary Secretaries in preparing them.

MEDICAL SECRETARY'S VISITS TO DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The Organisation Committee has received monthly reports from the Medical Secretary of his visits to Divisions and Branches, including the following places:

Blackburn,	Newcastle,
Bradford,	Norwich,
Bristol,	Preston,
Burnley,	St. Albans,
Ebbw Vale,	

INSTRUCTIONS OF ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

The following matters arising under instructions of the Annual Representative Meeting at Exeter are still under consideration, and Supplementary Reports will be presented in reference thereto:

(*a*) A report upon the organisation of the Branches with special reference to the scientific work of the Association.

(*b*) The preparation of a circular to members of the profession who are not members of the Association, drawing attention to the work which is being done by the Association for the profession, and including a copy of the Statement, furnished by the Council to the Representative Meeting herewith, as to the apportionment of a member's annual subscription.

PREMISES COMMITTEE.

(27) In 1906 the Council submitted plans for the rebuilding of the Premises of the Association in the Strand, and the Representative Meeting passed a Resolution of confidence in the Council to deal with the matter in the best interests of the Association at large. This Vote of Confidence will shortly, it is hoped, be found to be fully justified, for the new Premises are rapidly nearing completion. It is difficult in a brief Report to emphasize the many difficulties that have had to be overcome. The question of avoiding litigation owing to infringement of neighbours' lights necessitated considerable care. The arrangements of the rooms, the lighting, the heating, the sanitary fittings, and all other questions relating to the new home of the Association have received the careful attention of the Premises Committee, and every endeavour has been made to insure the erection of a Building well equipped in every detail. And it is confidently believed that the new Premises will prove in every respect to be well worthy of the British Medical Association.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

(28) The Public Health Committee has held three Meetings since the last Annual Representative Meeting.

The Committee has noted the following resolution (Minute 131) of the Annual Representative Meeting at Exeter:

> That the special report of the Public Health Committee on Vaccination by general practitioners be referred back to the Committee for consideration.

The Committee has duly considered the report accordingly, and is again submitting a special report upon this matter.

The following resolutions of the Section of State Medicine at Exeter were referred by the Council to the Public Health Committee—namely:

1. That the attention of the Local Government Board be drawn to the inadequacy of the minimum fee laid down in the Vaccination Order of 1907; moreover, that it is desirable that all expenses connected with the carrying out of the Vaccination Acts should be borne by the Imperial Exchequer.
2. That it is necessary for an efficient and proper inspection of rural milk supplies that such inspection should be made by officers not subject to periodical reappointment.

With reference to the first of these resolutions, the Council has represented to the Local Government Board that the minimum fee has been adopted in many districts in which it is, having regard to the local circumstances, inadequate, and also that the expenses of vaccination should be borne by the Imperial Exchequer.

The second resolution of the Section of State Medicine, above mentioned, has been approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Public Health Committee and forwarded to the President of the Local Government Board.

The question of the Security of Tenure of health officers has again received the close attention of the Public Health Committee, and the Public Health Officers Bill of the Association has again been introduced into Parliament by Sir Walter Foster, to whom the thanks of the Association are due for his services in this matter. Several Bills dealing with Public Health and the Housing of the Working Classes have been introduced into Parliament in the present Session, and the question is under consideration of drawing the attention of the Government once again to the importance in the public interest of reasonable Security of Tenure for Health Officers.

Provisions for the protection of the public health, contained in certain of the Bills referred to, depend, as have so many of the provisions of former Public Health Acts, upon the activity of the Medical Officer of Health, and the new provisions may be expected to remain as much a dead

letter in many districts as former provisions have done, if the Medical Officers of Health and Sanitary Inspectors are kept in the same position as at present, of being removable by the Local Authority, without notice, at the end of any year. The essence of the reform necessary is that Health Officers shall not be appointed for limited periods only, and that when it is desired to discharge such an Officer it shall be necessary for a member of the Local Authority, not merely, as at present, to move, without previous notice, that the officer in question be "not reappointed," but, to give notice of motion that he be "dismissed."

The Council has noted with satisfaction that in the "Children's Bill" now before Parliament the Government has introduced the provisions for the prevention of Overlying and Burning of Children which were proposed by the British Medical Association in conjunction with the Coroners' Society and the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, in a Bill introduced in 1907.

The new Local Government Board Order, issued in the summer of 1907, with regard to fees to Public Vaccinators, has resulted in Boards of Guardians offering, in some cases, inadequate fees to the Public Vaccinators. In response to an application from the Association of Public Vaccinators, the Association, through the Public Health Committee and the Divisions concerned, has co-operated with that Association in supporting Officers threatened with inequitable treatment.

The following is a list of cases in which action has been taken with respect to Public Health and Poor Law appointments, including Public Vaccinatorships, with, in many instances, successful results, namely: Northleach, Gloucestershire (Medical Officer of Health), Winterton, North Lincoln (Medical Officer of Health), Worthing (Medical Officer of Health), Southend (Medical Officer of Health), Oldham (Public Vaccinatorship), North Bierley, near Bradford (Public Vaccinatorship), Cefn Hirgoed, Glamorgan (Hospital appointment), Castleford (Public Vaccinatorship), Wisbech (Public Vaccinatorship), Wells, Norfolk (Medical Officer of Health), and Launceston (Public Vaccinatorship) Attention may be particularly drawn to the case of the Medical Officer of Health for Southend, who, after being dismissed without previous notice, was reinstated, largely in consequence of the support which he received from the Association.

SCIENCE COMMITTEE.

(29) At the Exeter Meeting a Resolution was passed by the Obstetrical Section urging the Association to take steps towards securing the early recognition of Uterine Cancer, on which the Science Committee recommended the appointment of a Special Committee for the purpose. This Committee is now sitting. And as the result of a Resolution passed in the Section of Diseases of Children, a Committee has been appointed to consider the question of the Prevention of Ophthalmia Neonatorum. At the time of drafting this Report neither Committee is yet in a position to report the results of its investigations.

Another question considered by the Science Committee has been the advisability of investigating the value of the Opsonic Index for the treatment of disease. With this end in view it was suggested that it might be in the interests of Members for the Association to make some contribution towards the cost of a Statistical Enquiry now being carried out at the London Hospital.

Of the £1,000 annually voted in the form of Scholarships and Grants in aid of Research Work the Ernest Hart Memorial Scholarship, value £200, set aside for some subject in the department of State Medicine, was awarded to John Paul McGowan, M.B., of Edinburgh, for his researches in connexion with Immunity Aggressins. Farther, three Scholarships of the value of £150 each were awarded respectively to Drs. Thomas Shirley Hele, Willoughby Henry Harvey, and Alfred Edward Barnes. Dr. Hele has been working at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Chemical Pathology; Dr. Harvey in the Pharmacological Laboratory at Cambridge on Arterio-sclerosis and the Glycogenic Functions of the Liver; and Dr. Barnes of the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, is prosecuting a research in connexion with the changes of metabolism connected with variations of the Opsonic Index.

The Grants in aid of Research Work amounted to £350, and were made to thirty-two applicants, in sums ranging from £2 to £33.

The work of Scholars and Grantees is subject to inspection, and the Council takes this opportunity of expressing its thanks to those gentlemen who have assisted the Science Committee by acting as Inspectors.

The Middlemore Prize, endowed by the late Mr. Richard Middlemore, of Birmingham, has been awarded to the President-elect of the Association, Mr. Simeon Snell, for his valuable and important contributions in the practical science of Ophthalmology.

The Stewart Prize, endowed by the late Dr. Alexander Patrick Stewart of London, to be awarded in "recognition of important work already done, or of Researches instituted and promising good results regarding the origin, spread, and prevention of Epidemic Disease," will be awarded at the Sheffield Meeting, but at the time of drafting its Report the Council has not decided on the choice of the recipient.

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

(30) The work of the Scottish Committee during the year has been chiefly in connexion with the collection and preparation of evidence regarding the administration of the Poor Law. This evidence was submitted to the Royal Commissioner on the Poor Laws and Relief of Distress by three members of the Poor-law Subcommittee.

In addition a report has been prepared containing an analysis of the information obtained.

THERAPEUTIC COMMITTEE.

(31) The Committee during the past year has had under consideration the relative value of the local anaesthetics suggested as substitutes for cocaine, and the alterations it is desirable to make in a revision of the *British Pharmacopoeia*. The researches on the first point are not yet completed, and the Committee consequently desires to postpone its Report on this question.

Much time of the Committee has been spent in discussing the alterations it is desirable to make in the *British Pharmacopoeia*. The deliberations of the Therapeutic Committee have been confined mainly to the substances and preparations which it is desirable to omit from, and those which it is desirable to add to, the *Pharmacopoeia*. Improvements in existing Formulae, methods of identification, tests for the determination of purity, and kindred subjects have been regarded as beyond the scope of the Council's requirements.

In considering the substances and preparations which might be added to or omitted from the *Pharmacopoeia*, it is desirable to state some of the principles which have guided the Committee in its selection: Crude drugs which contain an active ingredient possessing all the desirable actions of the crude drug might be replaced by this active ingredient if it can be obtained commercially and its identification and purity ensured. If such an active principle is official, the crude drug might be deleted; thus, jaborandi leaves, coca leaves, elaterium, and many crude drugs yielding only volatile oils, might be omitted.

Drugs and their preparations possessing no obvious or serviceable action should be deleted—for example, arnica rhizome, cusparia bark, hemidesmus root, lupulin, mezereon bark, serpentary rhizome.

Unnecessary duplication of the preparations of a drug should be avoided. Thus, one 1 per cent. solution of a morphine salt, or one solid extract of belladonna, is sufficient.

Purely diluent preparations of a drug should, as far as possible, be avoided—for example, solution of potassium permanganate, almond mixture.

Substances which do not require to be defined officially for the protection of the practitioner, or the vendor or purchaser—for example, prunes, figs, brandy, sherry—ought to be omitted.

Substances of no therapeutic importance which are used only in the making of preparations, and are not contained in the final products, should be deleted or transferred to an appendix—for example, benzol, solution of iron persulphate.

A list containing the drugs and preparations which the Committee thinks might with advantage be omitted from or added to the *Pharmacopoeia* has been transmitted to the General Medical Council.

Signed, on behalf of the Council,

EDMUND OWEN,
Chairman.

London, April 29th, 1908.

SPECIAL REPORT OF COUNCIL

TO THE

Annual Representative Meeting

ON THE

DRAFT CHARTER, ORDINANCES AND BY-LAWS.

THE Council has caused the Draft Charter, Ordinances, and By-laws to be revised in accordance with the following general instruction of the Special Representative Meeting of May 29th and 30th, 1907:

That the Draft Charter, Ordinances, and By-laws, as drafted by the Organization Committee and amended by the Meeting, subject to such alterations, if any, as may be required as the result of a Referendum, if such be taken by the Council, and subject to such changes, if any, as the Council may make in order to meet the special requirements of the Colonial Branches, be referred to Counsel for final revision and placed before a Representative Meeting for final confirmation at the earliest possible date.

The Council concurred in all the Resolutions of the Special Representative Meeting with regard to the draft Charter except Minutes 123, 283, 287, 293, 298, 299, 303, 328, 330, 342, and 346. Upon these the Council considered it to be its duty to take the sense of the Association by a Referendum pursuant to Articles XXII and XXXV.

The result of the Referendum having been to confirm the Resolutions in question, the revised draft Charter, Ordinances and By-laws now submitted have been prepared in accordance with the Resolutions of the Meeting, subject to certain verbal and other minor changes which have been made under the advice of Counsel, and to certain changes which the Council has thought it desirable to make in order more fully to comply with the wishes of the Colonial Branches in matters specially concerning them.

All resolutions of the Special Representative Meeting which contain instructions for amendment of the Draft before that Meeting are appended to this Report for convenience of reference (see Appendix A). It has not been thought necessary to reprint Resolutions of simple approval of the Draft as then considered.

The following is a list of all the material points in respect of which the instructions of the Special Representative Meeting have been departed from, under Counsel's advice, in preparing the present Draft

(1) Charter, Clause 6, Sub-clauses (2) and (3), the words "or By-laws" have been inserted in order to enable a provision to be made in the By-laws which is desired by the Colonial Branches, namely, that those Branches should have power to define the boundaries of their Divisions without reference to the Central Council. (See By-law 17 (2))

(2) Charter, Clause 7. Attention has been drawn to the fact that the Regulations as previously drafted contained no explicit reference to the means by which a decision should be arrived at to adopt, for the carrying out of the objects of the Association, any of the means specified in Clause 2 of the Charter which had not previously been adopted. It is recognized that this is a matter upon which many members of the Association desire that every opportunity shall be afforded for careful deliberation before new kinds of work are undertaken. A provision has, therefore, been inserted that such work shall only be taken up, or work already taken up abandoned, by virtue of a decision of the Representative Body upon which it will be possible for the Council to exercise its power of taking a Referendum.

(3) Ordinance 11. The words "Subject . . . By-laws," at the commencement have been inserted as a consequential amendment which is necessary to enable the power, already mentioned, to be given to the Colonial Branches to determine the boundaries of their Divisions. (See By-law 17 (2))

(4) Ordinance 14. The words "or elected to take office" have been inserted after the words "in office," in order to enable all Members both of the outgoing and of the incoming Council to take part in the Representative Meeting.

(5) Ordinance 20. A drafting change has been made upon the advice of Counsel, namely, that the provision for the election of the Chairman of Council has been transferred to the By-laws, which already contain the provisions as to the mode of election of other Honorary Officers. (See By-law 55.)

(6) By laws 16, 17, 18 and 19. The former By-laws 16 and 17 have been redrafted (forming now four By-laws), partly in order to give effect to the instruction of the Representative Meeting contained in Minute 115, and partly in order to give effect to the wish expressed by certain Colonial Branches that they should be able to carry out for the benefit of their own members any means for the fulfilment of the objects of the Association provided for by the Charter—such, for example, as Medical Defence—even though the Association as a whole should not have taken up such means for the benefit of the members generally. Certain consequential drafting changes have been required.

(7) By-law 16 (*b*). Provision has been made, as directed by the Representative Meeting, that a Representative of a Division shall be a member *ex officio* of the Council of the Branch to which that Division belongs. Inasmuch, however, as the term of office of a Representative in Representative Meetings begins with the commencement of the Annual Representative Meeting, it has been thought more convenient that the Representative to act on the Branch Council during the year shall be the one elected to take part in the next Representative Meeting, in order that he may be in touch with the work of the Branch during the year prior to the Annual Meeting in which he takes part.

(8) By-law 17 (1). Having regard to the important effect which the power conferred upon Colonial Branches by the new By-law 17 (1) might have, if not duly safeguarded, upon the financial position of the Association, it has been thought well to take Counsel's opinion upon the question of the liabilities which might be incurred thereby. Counsel's opinion is as follows:

> I am clearly of opinion that the general funds of the Association could not be made liable for the debts or engagements of a Colonial Branch incurred or made in exercising the powers proposed to be given to such Branches by draft By-law 17 (1).
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> A person entering into a contract with a Colonial Branch (or with trustees or others authorized to contract on behalf of such Branch) would not be entitled to assume that the contract was made on behalf of the Association. He would be bound to inquire whether the Branch has power to bind the Association as to the matter in question. And such inquiry would bring to light the position of the Branches in relation to the Association as defined by Clause 6 (5) of the draft Charter, Ordinance 13 and By-law 17 (1). These provisions make it clear that the Branch cannot impose any liability on the Funds of the Association.
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> The question seems to me to fall within the principle of the authorities as to the necessity for inquiry into the powers of corporations established under special Acts or under the Companies Acts (see Royal British Bank *v.* Twignand 6 E and B 327 *v.* East Holyford Co. L. R. H.L. 869, per Lord Hatherley at p. 893).

(9) By-law 26 (3). It has been thought well for clearness to insert the words, "and instructing the Representative thereon"

(10) By-law 28. A restriction is inserted, namely, that a substitute for a Representative shall not be a Representative of any other Constituency. It is considered that a substitute appointed to act for more than one Constituency might be in a position of difficulty owing to conflict in the instructions received by him from the different Constituencies.

(11) By-law 39 and the First Schedule (taking the place of former By-law 37) have been drafted under Counsel's advice to give effect to the instruction of the Representative Meeting contained in Minute 299. The question has been considered of the construction to be placed upon that Resolution, namely, as to whether the Constituencies to be created are to consist of groups each electing four Members, as shown in Appendix E to the Report of the

Organization Committee of March, 1907, or whether the Resolution could be so interpreted as to provide for the creation of single member constituencies except where Branches otherwise specially desire. Counsel has advised that the former is the correct construction to be placed upon the Resolution of the Representative Meeting, and the By law and the First Schedule to the Charter have been drafted accordingly in this form.

The Council considers, however, that it may be convenient to Divisions and to the Representative Meeting to have placed before them for their consideration a Schedule drafted in the alternative form to provide for the creation, in most districts of the United Kingdom, of Constituencies each electing one Member, and a Scheme for such election is appended accordingly to this Report. (See Appendix B.) The only exception to the single-member constituency system, proposed in this Scheme, will be seen to be that of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch, the Council of that Branch having expressed a unanimous opinion in favour of the area of the whole Branch constituting one Constituency to elect two Members of Council, instead of being divided into two single-member constituencies. The Scheme of the Constituencies in Scotland and Ireland has been framed on the recommendation of the Scottish and Irish Committees.

(12) By-laws 41 and 42. The Minutes of the Special Representative Meeting contain no specific instructions as to the mode of election, to be prescribed in the By-laws, of the seven Members of Council to be elected by the Colonial Branches, or of the twelve to be elected by the Representative Body. The new By-laws 41 and 42 have been drafted by Counsel for this purpose in accordance with the general spirit of the resolations of the Meeting.

(13) By-law 54. In accordance with the expression of opinion of the Representative Meeting at the Caxton Hall in 1906, provision has been made in By-law 54 (formerly 51) that the Chairman of Representative Meetings shall not act as a Representative of a Division while holding office as Chairman.

(14) Schedule 2, as to Standing Committees. In Schedule 2 (formerly Schedule 1) certain changes which the experience of the Council has shown to be desirable have been made in the details of the references to Committees.

Owing to the necessity of waiting to complete the revision of the draft Charter until the results were known of the voting upon the Referendum, the Organization Committee and Counsel have found it impossible to complete the revision in every detail in time for the consideration of the document by the Council on April 29th. In order not to delay the issue of the Draft to the Divisions, the Council has, therefore, decided to delegate to the Organization Committee the duty of finally completing the Draft in those matters which are still under the consideration of Counsel. The Committee has also been authorized to issue to the Divisions the Charter, Ordinances, and By-laws when so completed, and to issue also a supplementary Report upon any points of detail to which it may be found desirable, as the result of Counsel's further consideration, to draw the attention of the Divisions and of the Representative Meeting.

April 29th, 1908.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

COUNSEL has drawn attention to the fact that in several places in the draft Ordinances and By-laws an Officer of the Association was specifically referred to under the title of "The Secretary" or "The General Secretary," and that, if such references were desired, provision should be specifically made for the appointment of such an Officer.

Counsel was thereupon requested to consider certain Resolutions of the Representative Meeting bearing upon this subject, namely, (*a*) Resolutions of the Representative Meeting, adopted upon the Recommendation of the Council at Leicester, in 1905, pursuant to which the provision for the appointment of certain specified salaried officers was subsequently deleted from the existing Articles of Association and a general By-law added to the effect that all salaried officers should be appointed by the Council, and (*b*) the following resolutions of the Annual Representative Meeting at the Caxton Hall in 1906:—

With reference to the following motion:

225. Proposed by the Chairman of Council:

That a new Ordinance be inserted after Ordinance 21, and numbered Ordinance 22, to read as follows:

"There shall be an Editor, a General Secretary and Manager, a Medical Secretary, and such other officers as the Council may from time to time appoint."

An amendment was moved:

225*a*. That the provision, if any, as to the principal paid officials be not in the Ordinances but in the By laws, in order that it may be modified by the Representative Body, when required, without reference to the Privy Council, and that no decision as to the designation of these Officers in the Regulations be arrived at until the Committee of Inquiry has reported.

The amendment was carried.

226. Upon the amendment being put as the substantive motion, it was moved, as a further amendment:

That all the words after "Privy Council" be deleted.

The amendment was lost.

227. The Motion 225*a* was put and carried.

Regard having been had to these Resolutions, the references in question have been amended accordingly throughout the Regulations, and, on the advice of Counsel, a new By-law 68 has been added.

ANDREW CLARK,
Chairman.

May 15th, 1908.

APPENDIX A. TO SPECIAL REPORT OF COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, MAY, 1907, REQUIRING AMENDMENT OF THE DRAFT CHARTER, ORDINANCES, AND BY LAWS.

Charter, Clause 2.

43 That in Subclause 2 (2) (ix) there be inserted after the word "Association" (3rd line) the words "at home or abroad."

Charter, Clause 5.

57 That it is desirable that Branches and Divisions within the United Kingdom do have the power to elect to certain privileges of Membership those *not* eligible for election as Ordinary Members of the Association, and that, therefore, in Subclause 5 (2), lines 5 and 6, the words "not in the United Kingdom" be omitted.

Ordinance 9.

96 That provision be made, in Ordinance 9 (*c*), for the termination of Membership of the Association *ipso facto* upon erasure from the Medical Register of any British Colony for professional misconduct, as from the Register of the United Kingdom.

Ordinance 13.

113 That Ordinance 13 (*b*) be amended by the insertion, after the words "Provided that" (3rd line), of the words "except in the cases specified in By-law —."

New By-law as to certain Rules of Colonial Branches and Divisions.

115 That it be an instruction to the Council to insert a By-law to the following effect:—

That a Branch or Division not in the United Kingdom shall have power to adopt, without reference to the Central Council, Rules dealing with all or any of the following matters, which Rules shall be binding upon the Members to whom they relate. (A list of the matters to be so specified to be drawn up and inserted by the Council in the draft By-law)

Ordinance 17.

130 That in Ordinance 17 (*e*) for the words "If . . . period," inclusive, in the first four lines of the Clause, there be substituted the following words:

If the said Meeting of the Council shall not be held within the said period of three months, or if the requisition prescribed by paragraph (*c*) of this Ordinance shall not have been issued within the period therein prescribed, then the resolution shall come into operation immediately upon the expiration of such respective periods.

Ordinance 15.

135 That, in Ordinance 15, lines 5 and 6, the words "votes given thereon in the manner prescribed by the Regulations," be substituted for the words "members present and voting thereon."

Ordinance 23.

143 That in Ordinance 23, lines 1 and 8, the words "The first-class travelling" be omitted; and that there be inserted in line 1, after the word "Expenses," the words "as defined in the By-laws."

144 That the word "Travelling" be omitted from the title Ordinance 23.

145 That Ordinance 23 as amended be approved, as follows:—

Expenses.

23. Expenses, as defined in the By-laws, within the United Kingdom of Members of Council and Representatives of Divisions attending any Representative Meeting shall be defrayed out of the general funds of the Association. Attendance of Representatives of Divisions for this purpose shall be construed to mean attendance at each Session of the Representative Meeting, unless the Council shall be satisfied that good cause existed for absence from any particular Session or Sessions. The expenses, defined as aforesaid, within the United Kingdom of all Members attending Meetings of Council or of Committees, and of all Members authorized by the Representative Body or by the Council to attend, and attending any Conference shall be defrayed in like manner. The Council shall (subject as hereinbefore provided) determine what shall be considered an attendance for the purpose of this clause.

By-law 5.

That By-law 5 be amended by the insertion of the following words at the beginning of the By-law:

"In the case of a Branch in the United Kingdom the mode of election of new Members shall be as follows:—"

155 That in By-law 5, 3rd line from the end, the words "or of the Division in which he resides" be added after the words "or of the Branch."

New By-law (to be 6).

158 That a new By-law be inserted between the present By-laws 5 and 6, as follows:—

In the case of a Branch not in the United Kingdom the mode of election shall be such as may be prescribed by the Rules of the Branch, with the consent of the Central Council.

By-law 9.

164 That By-law 9 be amended by the deletion, in the 4th line, of the words "not in the United Kingdom."

By law 20.

184 That all the words after the word "profession," in the 5th line of By law 20, be omitted.

By-law 24.

212 That the wording of By-law 24 (1) be transposed to read as follows:

"The Representative shall be elected not more than nine months nor less than four weeks before the Annual Representative Meeting at which he takes office by a General Meeting," etc.

223 That the words "provided that, in case of doubt, the matter be referred to the Chairman of Representative Meetings" be added to the end of By-law 24 (4).

By-law 27.

235 That there be added, at the end of By-law 27, the following words: "All those who have been elected to take office at the close of an Annual Representative Meeting as Members of Council, shall be entitled to take part in such Meeting."

By-law 31.

247 That By-law 31 (1) be amended to read as follows:

"In any Representative Meeting only Representatives of Divisions, and Members of Council representing the Naval, Army, and Indian Medical Services, shall be entitled to vote."

250 That By-law 31 (2) be amended as follows:

At end of Section (2) add "Power to vote by card shall not apply to Members of Council representing the Naval, Army, and Indian Medical Services."

New By-law (to be 53).

272 That the following new By-law, to be By-law 53, be inserted between the draft By-laws 52 and 53:—

In the event of the death during his term of office, or the resignation, of the President, the President-Elect, the Chairman of Representative Meetings, or the Treasurer, the vacancy thus created shall be filled, until the next Annual Representative Meeting, in the manner following, namely:—

In the case of the President, the Past President shall discharge the duties of the office.

In the case of the President-Elect, the Council shall appoint a President-Elect in his stead.

In the case of the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Deputy Chairman shall discharge the duties of the office.

In the case of the Treasurer, the Council shall appoint a Treasurer in his stead.

In the event of a vacancy occurring in any of the executive offices above mentioned through circumstances not provided for in this By-law, it shall rest with the Council to make such appointment or other provision as it may deem expedient for the discharge of the duties of the said office until the next Annual Representative Meeting.

By law 36.

283 That the principle of the election of the Council be that the Council be elected partly by the Branches and partly by the Representative Body.

284 Proposed—

That the ratio of Members elected by the Branches to the Members elected by the Representative Body be 2 to 1, for the United Kingdom only.

287 Resolved, with 1 dissentient: That the ratio be 2 to 1.

289 That the number of Colonial Members of the Council be not exceeding 7.

293 That the Council include 24 Members elected by the Branches in the United Kingdom; Members, not exceeding 7 in number, elected by the Branches not in the United Kingdom; 12 Members elected by the Representative Body; 6 *ex-officio* Members; and 3 Members representing the Navy, Army, and Indian Medical Services.

294 That in By-law 36, last line, there be substituted for the word "three" the word "five."

296 That in By-law 36, line 7, after the word Council, there be added the words "from lists of nominations made by Branch Councils, by Divisions, or by at least 10 Members of the district.

297 That the Scottish and Irish Committees be allowed to nominate.

298 That By-law 36, as amended, be approved, as follows:—

The Council shall be composed of the *ex officio* Members mentioned in the Ordinances, and of Members duly elected by the following bodies, namely: (*a*) By the Branches of the Association in the United Kingdom which shall be grouped for the purpose of electing 24 Members of the Council in the manner prescribed by By-law 37; (*b*) by the Branches of the Association not in the United Kingdom which shall be grouped for the purpose of electing Members of the Council not exceeding 7 in number; (*c*) by

the Representative Body, which shall elect annually 12 Members of the Council from lists of candidates nominated by (i) Branch Councils, (ii) by Divisions, (iii) by the Scottish Committee, (iv) by the Irish Committee, or (v) by at least 10 Members resident in the district of the United Kingdom to which the candidate nominated belongs; and (*d*) by the Council itself, which shall have power to add to its numbers at any of its meetings all or any one or more of the following, namely:—One medical officer on the active or retired list of each of the following services:—The Royal Navy Medical Service, the Army Medical Service, and the Indian Medical Service, provided that in each case such medical officer shall not have retired from the active list more than five years previously.

By-law 37.

299 That By-law 37 be re-drafted to provide that the grouping of the Branches in the United Kingdom for the election of the Council be generally as shown in Appendix E to the Committee's Report; that each such group elect four Members of Council; that the Members elected by the Representative Body be topographically distributed among the same districts, and in the same proportion; and that for this purpose By-law 37 be referred back to the Organization Committee, with the instruction that they reconsider also the details of the grouping, and circulate the redrafted By-law to the Divisions.

By-law 38.

301 That the election in the United Kingdom be conducted by the Head Office out of central funds, and the By-law be amended accordingly.

303 That By-law 38, subject to amendment as directed, be approved.

By-law 42.

314 That By-law 42 be deleted as being unnecessary.

By-law 44.

316 That By-law 44 be amended by the substitution of the following words, for the first sentence, from "Any" to "election" inclusive:

Any casual vacancy occurring in the Council not less than four months before the Annual Representative Meeting amongst the Members of Council elected by the Representative Meeting shall be filled up by the Chairman of Representative Meetings. Any other vacancy which may so occur shall be filled up by the body which appointed the Member of Council whose place shall have so become vacant, and the election to fill such last-mentioned vacancy shall be conducted in the same manner as the annual election.

By-law 16.

324 That after the word "Branch," in the 3rd line, the words "and the Members who, for the time being, represent, on the Representative Body, the Divisions composing the Branch" be inserted.

325 That, in the 3rd line, for the word "Branch," there be substituted the words, "group to which the Branch belongs:"

326 That By-law 16, as amended, be approved, as follows:

The management of the affairs of each Branch shall be vested in the Branch Council, of which the Members of the Council of the Association elected by the group to which the Branch belongs and the Members who, for the time being, represent on the Representative Body the Divisions composing the Branch shall be Members *ex officio*. In the case of a Branch comprising more than one Division, each Division shall be entitled to elect a Member or Members of the Branch Council, and the number of Members to be elected by each Division shall be, as nearly as possible, proportional to the membership of such Division. In addition to the Members so elected, the Branch Council may have, as *ex-officio* Members thereof, such Officers of the Branch, as the Branch may think desirable.

By-law 29.

328 That By-law 29 be amended by substituting for the word "ten," in the fourth line, the word "twelve."

330 That By-law 29, as amended, be approved, as follows:

29. The business of the Annual Representative Meeting shall be to elect a Representative of a Division as the Chairman of Representative Meetings, and also a Representative of a Division as Deputy Chairman; to elect a President of the Association; to elect 12 Members of the Council, and such other Officers and such Members of Committees as by the Ordinances or By-laws be required to be so elected; to consider the election of Honorary Members when recommended by the Council; to appoint a place at which the next Annual Representative Meeting shall be held; to consider the Annual Financial Statement and Balance Sheet presented by the Council; to appoint an Auditor or Auditors (who shall be a professional Accountant or professional Accountants) and fix his or their remuneration; to consider Reports of the Council, Reports of Committees instructed to report to such Meeting, and Reports of Branches and motions relating to the adoption of such reports in whole or in part; to make new Ordinances or By-laws and alter and repeal existing Ordinances or By-laws and to consider any resolution relating to the honour and interests of the medical profession or of the Association which shall have been adopted by and Division or Branch, provided that any such resolution proposing material alteration of the constitution or policy of the Association shall have been submitted through the JOURNAL for the consideration of all the Divisions not less than three months previously.

New By-law as to Expenses.

331 That to give effect to the amendment approved by the Meeting in Ordinance 23, a new By-law be inserted to provide that the first class travelling expenses within the United Kingdom of Members of Council and Representatives of Divisions attending any Representative meeting, and other Members the payment of whose expenses is provided for in Ordinance 23, shall be defrayed out of the whole of the funds of the Association.

By-law 57.

335 That By-law 57 be approved subject to any adjustment or alteration of the Schedule, decided upon by this Meeting.

Science Committee.

350 That all Members of the Science Committee be elected by the Council.

Ethical Committee.

353 That the number of the Members of the Ethical Committee be increased to six elected by the Representative Body and six by the Council, respectively.

Hospitals Committee.

358 That the number of Members elected by the Representative Body and the Council, respectively, be increased to 6.

Scottish Committee.

363 That the word "Honorary" be inserted before the word "Secretary."

Irish Committee.

365 That the composition, duties, and powers of the Irish Committee, as stated in the Schedule to the By-laws, be approved, subject to the same amendment as in the case of the Scottish Committee.

Sub Committees.

366 That a provision be made in the By-laws to give power to all Standing Committees to form Sub-Committees from their own Members or from other Members of the Association.

Committees Representative of Colonial Branches.

367 That the Council be authorized to provide for the formation of Committees representative of Colonial Branches which are geographically associated.

APPENDIX B. TO SPECIAL REPORT OF COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY BRANCHES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE BASIS OF SINGLE MEMBER CONSTITUENCIES (EXCEPT AS REGARDS LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE).

Branches and Divisions comprised in Group.	Membership of Branches or Divisions.	Membership of Group.	No. of Members of Council to be Elected by Group.
England and Wales:			
North of England Branch	676	803	1
North Lancashire and South Westmorland Branch	127		
Yorkshire Branch	884	884	1
Lancashire and Cheshire Branch	1,646	1,646	2
East York and North Lincoln Branch	150	681	1
Midland Branch	531		
Cambridge and Huntingdon Branch	147	802	1
East Anglian Branch	436		
South Midland Branch	219		
Birmingham Branch	499	708	1
Staffordshire Branch	209		
North Wales Branch	205	854	1
Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch	132		
South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch	517		
Metropolitan Counties Branch:			
Northern and Eastern Metropolitan Group:			
City Division	156	784	1
Stratford Division	129		
Walthamstow Division	65		
Tottenham Division	117		
St. Pancras and Islington Division	137		
Hampstead Division	184		
Central Metropolitan Group:			
Marylebone Division	597	868	1
Westminster Division	271		
Western Metropolitan Group:			
Richmond Division	118	727	1
Ealing Division	111		
Chelsea Division	119		
Kensington Division	323		
Watford and Harrow Division	56		
Southern Metropolitan Group:			
Lambeth Division	136	714	1
Wandsworth Division	173		
South-Eastern Branch			
Bromley Division	42		
Croydon Division	139		
Norwood Division	224		
Bath and Bristol Branch	382	720	1
Gloucester Branch	140		
West Somerset Branch	74		
Worcester and Hereford Branch	124		
Dorset and West Hants Branch	218	675	1
South-Western Branch	457		
Oxford and Reading Branch	274	681	1
Southern Branch	407		
South-Eastern Branch (excluding Bromley, Croydon, and Norwood Divisions)	845	845	1
Scotland.			
Aberdeen Branch	173	444	1
Northern Counties Branch	108		
Dundee Branch	110		
Perth Branch	53		
Edinburgh Branch	413	488	1
Fife Branch	75		
Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch (4 City Divisions)	412	412	1
Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch (4 County Divisions)	265	481	1
Border Counties Branch	146		
Stirling Branch	70		
Ireland.			
Connaught Branch	37	97	1
South-Eastern of Ireland Branch	60		
Leinster Branch	310	310	1
Munster Branch	96	96	1
Ulster Branch	359	359	1

[Submitted, May, 1908, as revised pursuant to the Instructions of the Special Representative Meeting of May, 1907.]

DRAFT CHARTER, ORDINANCES, AND BY-LAWS.

CHARTER.

British Medical Association.

EDWARD VII. by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith—TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING.

WHEREAS

(a)

have presented to Us their humble Petition setting forth (amongst other things), to the effect following:—

(b)

AND WHEREAS We are minded to comply with the said prayer and to grant a charter containing the provisions hereinafter set forth.

NOW KNOW YE that We having taken the premises into Our Royal consideration of Our special Grace certain knowledge and mere motion, do will, ordain, constitute, declare, appoint, and grant as follows, that is to say:—

1. For the purposes hereinafter set forth and all other purposes of this Our Charter the above-named Petitioners and all other persons who shall pursuant to this Our Charter and the Ordinances made thereunder be members of the Corporation hereby constituted are hereby created and henceforth for ever shall be one body politic and corporate by the name of the "British Medical Association" (hereinafter called "the Association"), and by the name aforesaid shall have perpetual succession and a common seal with full power and authority to alter, vary, break, renew the same at their

(a) Here insert the names and descriptions of a few representative members of the existing Association as Petitioners.

The number of them is immaterial, but it is not desirable to make the document unnecessarily bulky, and I suggest that the number should not exceed twelve.—T.R.C.D.

(b) Here will be inserted a statement of the substance of the Petition which is not yet drafted, but will contain a short history of the Association and the reasons for desiring a Charter.—T.R.C.D.

discretion, and by the same name may sue and be sued, in every court of Us, Our heirs and successors, and We do hereby grant to the Association full licence, right, authority, power and capacity (notwithstanding the statutes of Mortmain), First to take and hold all such lands, tenements, hereditaments and property as are now vested in or held by the existing Association hereinbefore referred to, or any trustees or trustee for that Association, and, secondly, to take, acquire, purchase and hold in perpetuity or otherwise any lands, tenements, hereditaments and property whatsoever, situate within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or in any part of Our dominions; And (subject to such consent if any as may be required by law) to grant, demise, alien, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose of all or any of the lands, tenements, hereditaments and property for the time being of the Association, and also to do all other matters incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.

2.—(1) We do hereby declare the objects of the Association to be the promotion of the medical and allied sciences, the maintenance of the honour and interests of the medical profession and of the members thereof collectively and individually, and the co-operation of the members of the Association for their mutual assistance and support in all matters affecting them in their professional capacity, including the encouragement, promotion or provision of means for protecting Members and their families against the exigencies of age, sickness, death or misfortune.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing objects and to the other powers conferred by these presents and so that the said objects and powers shall be in no wise restricted by the powers next hereinafter specified We do hereby expressly declare that for the attainment of the aforesaid objects the Association may adopt any or all of the following means, that is to say:—

(i) May hold meetings and conferences at any place in the United Kingdom or in any part of Our dominions or elsewhere for the discussion of the affairs, interests and duties of the medical profession and for promoting personal and friendly intercourse between Members of the Association and between members of the medical profession in general.

(ii) May provide, equip, manage, and carry on circulating and other libraries and rooms and buildings for social intercourse for the benefit of Members of the Association and of the medical profession in general.

(iii) May compile, revise, publish and distribute or sell lists and registers of medical practitioners, and records of events, transactions and proceedings of interest to the Members of the medical profession.

(iv) May publish periodically and sell the *British Medical Journal* or any other journal of a character specially adapted to the needs of the Medical Profession.

(v) May encourage research in the medical and allied sciences by grants from the funds of the Association, by the establishment of scholarships, prizes or rewards and in such other manner as the Association may determine upon.

(vi) May originate, support, promote, and oppose alterations in the law of the United Kingdom or any British Colony or Dependency affecting the Public Health or the Medical Profession and may promote the candidature of any member of the Association for Parliament or for any British Legislative Assembly.

(vii) May take or defend and assist persons in taking or defending any legal proceedings civil or criminal (including proceedings before the General Medical Council) in which in the opinion of the Association the honour or interests of the Medical Profession or of any Member of the Association in his professional capacity or any question of professional principle is or are involved, and may establish, contribute to, organise, and manage a fund or funds for the purposes aforesaid.

(viii) May provide facilities for sales or transfers of medical practices, for the arrangement of medical partnerships and for the engagement of qualified assistants and temporary substitutes for medical practitioners being Members of the Association.

(ix) May establish, endow, contribute to, organise and manage provident or benevolent funds for the benefit or assistance of Members of the Association at home or abroad or of the Medical Profession and their families or dependents, and of the staff employed by the Association.

(x) May undertake and carry out the execution of any trusts which the Association may deem to be directly or indirectly conducive to the interests of the Association or of the Medical Profession or any branch thereof.

(xi) May take such other means (whether of the same nature as the means hereinbefore stated or not) as may seem to the Association incidental or conducive to the promotion or carrying out of the foregoing objects or any of them.

3. The Association shall not carry on any trade or business (except so far as the same may be involved in the exercise of their powers with respect to any of the matters mentioned in paragraphs (ii), (iii), (iv) and (viii) of the last preceding clause) nor engage in any transaction with a view to the pecuniary profit or gain of the individual Members thereof, provided that this shall not preclude the Association from applying its funds in any manner within the contemplation and intention of the last preceding clause of these Presents, or in the remuneration of Members of the Association for services actually rendered.

4. The first Members of the Association shall be the persons named in the Register of the Members of the existing Association which has been certified by (a Secretary of the existing Association) as complete and correct and bears even date with the Order in Council for the preparation of the Warrant for passing this Our Charter under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom. Ordinary Members of the Association shall hereafter be elected in such manner as may be from time to time prescribed by the Ordinances and By-laws of the Association.

5.—(1) The Association shall have power to elect as Honorary Members such persons, and in such manner as the By-laws of the Association may provide, and to admit members so elected to such privileges other than that of voting as Members of the Association, as may from time to time be conferred on them by or under the By-laws.

(2) Each Division or Branch hereinafter mentioned of the Association shall have power to admit to certain of the privileges of membership of such Division or Branch, other than that of voting (*a*) Members of the Association who are not entitled to be Ordinary Members of such Division or Branch, and (*b*) Members of the Medical Profession, or

persons distinguished in other sciences, who are not eligible for election as Ordinary Members of the Association. The By-laws of the Association may prescribe the designation under which persons shall be admitted to such privileges, the nature of the privileges to be conferred upon them, and the conditions of admission thereto.

6.—(1) For the better attainment of the objects of the Association the Members thereof shall be formed into separate local bodies styled Divisions and Branches.

(2) A Division shall comprise such body of Members as shall in the manner prescribed by the Ordinances or By-laws of the Association be declared to be a Division, and a Branch shall be such Division, or such group of Divisions, as shall in like manner be declared to be a Branch.

(3) Each Division shall have a local area to be fixed from time to time by or in accordance with the provisions contained in the Ordinances or By-laws.

(4) Every Member whose address as registered for the time being in the books of the Association is at a place situate within the area of any Division shall *ipso facto* be an Ordinary Member of that Division and of no other, and every Ordinary Member of a Division shall *ipso facto* be an Ordinary Member of the Branch which comprises that Division and of no other.

(5) In all other respects the Divisions and Branches shall be so constituted, managed, and governed, and shall have such powers, rights, and privileges and shall be under such obligations, as shall be prescribed by or under the Ordinances and By-laws for the time being, and the By-laws may provide for contributions, grants and subscriptions out of the general funds of the Association to Divisions or Branches, and may impose on the Members of any Division or Branch such obligations towards the Association, and the Division and Branch respectively, as may seem to the Association to be expedient, and may empower any Division or Branch to make (subject or not subject to the approval of the Association) any rules in relation to the affairs thereof and to vary and repeal any such rules.

7. The general control and direction of the policy and affairs of the Association (including the power to determine any question as to the adoption, continuation, or abandonment by the Association of any of the means specified in Clause 2 (2) of this our Charter for the attainment of the objects of the Association) shall be vested in a body of Representatives (hereinafter called the "Representative Body") elected by the Divisions in accordance with the provisions of the Ordinances and the By-laws. The Representative Body shall hold an annual meeting (hereinafter called the "Annual Representative Meeting") and may hold other meetings (hereinafter called "Special Representative Meetings").

8. There shall be a Central Council (hereinafter called "the Council") which shall, save as otherwise provided by the Ordinances, carry into execution resolutions passed by the Representative Body, and administer the affairs of the Association in accordance with this Our Charter and the Ordinances and the By-laws and shall exercise such powers and do such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Association and are not by the Provisions of this Our Charter or the Ordinances or By-laws directed to be exercised or done by the Representative Body.

9.—(1) The Ordinances of the Association may (subject to the provisions of this Our Charter)

(*a*) Prescribe the qualifications for membership of the Association and the other terms of such membership and prescribe or limit the amount of the subscriptions to be paid by members.

(*b*) Provide for the resignation of membership and for the removal from or other modes of termination of membership of the Association.

(*c*) Provide for the formation of Divisions and Branches and other local bodies.

(*d*) Provide for and prescribe the constitution and powers of the Representative Body and the Council and the mode of election of the members thereof respectively.

(*e*) Provide for the holding of meetings of the Association and of the Representative Body and of the Council.

(*f*) Provide for the appointment of Officers of the Association.

(*g*) Provide for the payment of the personal expenses incurred by members in connection with their attendance at meetings of the Representative Body or of the Council or of any Committee of either of the said bodies or at any Conference authorised by the Representative Body or by the Council.

(*h*) Provide for the audit of the accounts of the Association.

(*i*) Empower the Representative Body (subject or not subject to the consent of the Council or other restrictions) to make and from time to time to add to, amend, alter or repeal By-laws for regulating (subject to this Our Charter and the Ordinances of the Association) the proceedings of the Representative Body and the Council and any committee thereof respectively and the conduct of the business and affairs of the Association and any other matters which require to be so regulated.

(*j*) Provide for the government of the Association in all respects not otherwise provided for by this Our Charter.

(2) The first Ordinances of the Association shall be those set forth in the 1st Schedule hereto and the same are hereby declared to be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever. The Ordinances (including the first Ordinances) may be added to, amended, altered or repealed and new Ordinances made from time to time by the Representative Body subject to such restrictions (if any) as may be prescribed by the Ordinances. Provided that no such addition, amendment, alteration, repeal or new Ordinance shall have any force or effect until allowed by The Lords of Our Privy Council, of which allowance a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence. Any addition, amendment, alteration, repeal or new Ordinance so allowed shall be conclusively deemed to have been in all respects duly made and to be valid and effectual for all purposes.

10. The first By-laws shall be those set forth in the 2nd Schedule hereto, and the same are hereby declared to be valid and effectual to all intents and purposes whatsoever until the same shall be amended, altered or repealed in pursuance of the powers conferred by the Ordinances.

11. The Representatives of Divisions of the existing Association, who shall be holding office as such at the date when this Our Charter comes into operation, shall be deemed to be the first Representatives of the Divisions of the Association, and shall continue to hold office as such until their successors are appointed in pursuance of this Our Charte

and Members of the Council of the existing Association holding office at the date when this Our Charter comes into operation shall be deemed to be the Members of and to form the first Council of the Association, and shall continue to act as such until the new Council is elected in pursuance of this Our Charter and the several Officers and Committees of the existing Association shall continue to hold their respective offices and discharge their respective duties and receive such emoluments, if any, as pertain to the offices which they fill until it shall be otherwise determined in pursuance of this Our Charter, and the Divisions and Branches of the existing Association, with their Officers, Councils and Committees existing and holding office respectively at the date of the grant of this Charter shall be deemed to be Divisions and Branches, Officers, Councils and Committees constituted or appointed in pursuance of this Our Charter, and shall continue until otherwise determined in pursuance of this Our Charter.

12. It shall be lawful for Us, Our Heirs and Successors by supplemental Charter to add to, amend or repeal the provisions of this Our Charter or any of them. Provided that a resolution to accept and approve such supplemental Charter shall have been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes given thereon in the manner prescribed by the By-laws for the time being at a Representative Meeting specially summoned for the purpose. Any such resolution shall have effect subject to such approval or confirmation (if any) as may from time to time be required by the Ordinances with respect to the amendment of an Ordinance.

13. It shall be lawful for the Association by a resolution of the Representative Body passed at a representative meeting specially summoned for the purpose by such majority as mentioned in the last preceding clause hereof and subject to such approval or confirmation as therein mentioned to surrender this Our Charter and to wind up the affairs of the Association, but if on the winding up or dissolution of the Association there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Association or any of them, but shall, subject to any special trusts affecting the same, be given and transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association to be determined by the Representative Body at or before the time of dissolution or in default thereof by a judge of the Chancery Division of Our High Court of Justice.

14. Lastly, We do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant that these Our Letters Patent shall be in and by all things good, firm, valid, sufficient and effectual in law notwithstanding any omission, imperfection, defect, matter, cause, or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in these Our Letters Patent contained and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense and to the best advantage of and for the Association as well in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere notwithstanding any recital, mis-recital, uncertainty, or imperfection in these Our Letters Patent.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Our Palace of . this day of in the year of Our Reign.

By warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

ORDINANCES OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

SECTION I.

PRELIMINARY.

1.—(1) In these Ordinances (where not repugnant to the Context)

(*a*) "The Charter" means and includes the Royal Charter granted in the year , and incorporating the British Medical Association and any amendment thereof, and any supplemental Charter for the time being held by that Association.

(*b*) "The Ordinances" means the Ordinances for the time being of the Association.

(*c*) "The By-laws" means the By-laws for the time being of the Association.

(*d*) "The Journal" means the *British Medical Journal* or other the professional journal for the time being published by the Association.

(2) Words occurring in these Ordinances and also occurring in the Charter shall bear the same respective meanings in these Ordinances as they bear in the Charter.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these Ordinances as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. These Ordinances shall be construed so as not to conflict with the Charter.

SECTION II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Eligibility.

4. Any Medical Practitioner registered in the United Kingdom under the Medical Acts, and any Medical Practitioner residing within the area of any Branch of the Association situate in any part of the British Empire other than the United Kingdom, who is so registered or possesses such medical qualification as shall, subject to the By-laws, be prescribed by the Rules of the said Branch, shall be eligible as a Member of the Association. Subject as aforesaid the mode and conditions of election to membership shall from time to time be determined by or in accordance with the By-laws.

Subscriptions.

5. Every Member shall pay to the Association a subscription of such amount as may for the time being be prescribed by the By-laws. The said subscription shall be considered due in advance on the first of January of each year, or in the case of Members elected during the year at the time of election.

6. Each year's subscription shall entitle the Member to all privileges of membership of the Association, including that of receiving the *Journal* for the current year, and to the ordinary privileges of membership of that Division and of that Branch of which he is an ordinary Member.

Re-Eligibility.

7. No person who shall have been a Member of the Association and ceased to be such shall be eligible for re-election until he shall have paid all arrears of subscription (if any) due from him to the Association at the date when his former membership ceased, and no person whose former membership shall have been terminated by reason of his conviction or expulsion as hereinafter provided shall, without the previous sanction of the Council, be eligible for re-election by any Branch Council.

Duration of Membership.

8. Every Member whether one of the first members or a subsequently elected Member shall remain a member until his membership is terminated in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained.

Termination of Membership.

9. Membership of the Association may be terminated in any of the following ways, namely:—

(*a*) By resignation subject to such notice as may be provided for by the By-laws and subject to the provisions of the next succeeding Ordinance.

(*b*) *Ipso facto* by default in the payment of subscriptions to the Association for such period as may be prescribed by the By-laws.

(*c*) *Ipso facto* (i) upon sentence (after conviction in a Court of Justice of any crime) to imprisonment with hard labour without the option of a fine or to any greater punishment, or (ii) upon erasure from the Medical Register under Section 29 of the Medical Act of 1858, or (iii) upon erasure from the Medical Register of any British Colony or Dependency on the ground of professional misconduct, or (iv) upon forfeiture through misconduct of the medical qualification by virtue of which the Member shall have been eligible for membership.

(*d*) By expulsion (after the enquiry and in the manner prescribed in the next succeeding Ordinance) on the ground that the conduct of the Member is detrimental to the honour and interests of the Medical Profession or Association or calculated to bring the Profession into disrepute, or on the ground that the member has wilfully and persistently refused to comply with the regulations of the Association or the rules of any Division or Branch of which he may be a member.

Expulsion.

10. (*a*) The Council shall have power on the representation of any Division or Branch and after due enquiry, of which not less than fourteen days' notice specifying a time and place at which he may be heard in his defence shall have been served on the Member in the manner prescribed by the By-laws, finally to expel from membership of the Association any Member of such Division or Branch whose conduct shall be held by the Council to be such as renders him liable to expulsion under paragraph (*d*) of the last preceding Ordinance.

(*b*) The Council of each Branch not in the United Kingdom having a membership of not less than thirty shall have power, on the representation of any two Members of such Branch and at a Special Meeting convened at not less than one month's notice, and after due enquiry of which not less than twenty-eight days' notice in writing specifying a time and place at which he may be heard in his defence shall have been given to the Member, to expel from membership of the Association any Member of such Branch whose conduct shall be held by the Council of the Branch to be such as renders him liable to expulsion under paragraph (*d*) of the last preceding Ordinance.

(*c*) A majority of two-thirds of those present and voting at a meeting whether of the Council or of a Branch Council shall be required for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by the last two preceding clauses.

(*d*) An expelled member shall, notwithstanding that he has ceased to be a member, be liable to pay all sums due from him to the Association, or any Division or Branch thereof, at the time of his expulsion.

(*e*) No member in regard to whom a representation as aforesaid has been made or whose conduct is under investigation, or is the subject of enquiry by the Council, or by a Branch Council, or by any Council or Committee of a Division, or by any Committee authorised in that behalf by any such Council as aforesaid, shall be capable of effectively resigning his membership of the Association until the investigation or enquiry is completed and the decision thereunder is made known. An enquiry or investigation shall, for the purpose of this clause, be deemed to commence at the time when the matter of such investigation or enquiry is first brought officially under the notice of the body authorised by or in pursuance of this Ordinance to make such investigation or enquiry.

SECTION III.

DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

Formation.

11. Subject in the case of Divisions and Branches not in the United Kingdom to the provisions of the By-laws, it shall rest with the Council from time to time to determine, recognise, and declare by resolution published in the Journal, what bodies of Members shall be Divisions, and what Divisions and groups of Divisions shall be Branches of the Association, and what shall be the local area of each Division, and accordingly the Council shall have full power from time to time to amalgamate, subdivide and modify Divisions and Branches and the local areas thereof. Nevertheless, not less than one calendar month's notice in all cases shall be given (in the manner prescribed by the By-laws) to any existing Division or Branch in whose boundaries or area any change is proposed.

Boundaries.

12. In determining the boundaries or areas of Divisions and Branches, the Council shall have regard to the expressed wishes of the existing local bodies concerned, and to the facilities of communication by railway and otherwise, and the opportunities thus afforded to Members of local bodies for meeting to transact the business thereof, and to the expediency of making such boundaries coincide

with those of Parliamentary constituencies, counties, or other public administrative divisions of the country.

Autonomy.

13. (*a*) Subject to the Charter and the Ordinances and By-laws each Division and each Branch shall be free to govern itself in such manner as it shall think fit, and for that purpose to make from time to time such Rules as it may think fit, and to repeal or alter the same as and when it shall consider it expedient.

(*b*) The Rules so made, and for the time being in force, shall be binding on the Members constituting the Division or Branch in reference to which they are made. Provided that, except in the cases specified in the By-laws, such Rules shall be submitted for approval to the Council and shall not come into operation unless and until they are approved by the Council.

SECTION IV.

REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

Composition.

14. The Representative Body shall be composed of the Representatives elected by the Divisions in the manner prescribed by the By-laws and of the members of the Council for the time being in office or elected to take office. No Member of the Association who is not a Member of the Representative Body, shall be entitled to take part in any Representative Meeting.

Resolutions.

15. Subject as hereinafter provided a Resolution of the Representative Body which affects the funds of the Association, or relates to the Ordinances or By-laws or to the policy of the Association in matters affecting the honour or interests of the medical profession, and is carried by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the votes given thereon in the manner prescribed by the By-laws, or which relates to any other business within the powers of the Representative Body, and is carried by a simple majority, shall be deemed to be a decision of the Association.

Proviso as to Notice.

16. Provided that no resolution to make any addition to or any amendment, alteration or repeal of any Ordinance or By-law, or to make any new Ordinance or By-law, shall have any operation unless a proposal to make the same shall have been previously approved and submitted to the Representative Body either by the Council, or by a Branch, or by a Division, and shall have been published in the Journal, not less than two months before the Annual Representative Meeting or one month before the Special Representative Meeting at which such resolution is passed.

Proviso as to Referendum.

17. Provided also that in respect of every resolution of the Representative Body the following provisions shall have effect:—

(*a*) Within three months after the date on which the resolution was passed the Council shall hold a meeting for the purpose of considering the resolution. Such meeting may be convened by a notice given either before or after or during the progress of the Representative Meeting at which the resolution was passed.

(*b*) The Council at their said meeting may either approve the resolution or determine on a Referendum and they shall determine on a Referendum if in their opinion the resolution does not truly represent the wishes of the Association.

(*c*) If the Council at their said meeting determine on a Referendum then an officer of the Association to whom such duty shall be assigned by the Council shall as soon as may be after the said meeting, but within eight weeks from the date thereof, send by post to the Secretary of each Division of the Association a requisition requiring him within four weeks to convene a meeting of the members of his Division (hereinafter called "the Division Meeting") for the purpose of considering the resolution and shall with such requisition transmit such observations on the subject of the resolution as the Council may direct, and the Secretary of each Division shall immediately after the holding of the Division meeting (if any) certify in writing to the Council the number of the votes given at the Division meeting for and against the resolution.

(*d*) If the aggregate number of votes given for the resolution at all the Division meetings shall exceed the aggregate number of votes given against the resolution at all the Division meetings or if no vote shall be given at any Division meeting against the resolution the same shall be deemed to have been approved on a Referendum. Provided that for the purpose of this provision no votes shall be reckoned unless the same shall be included in such certificate as aforesaid and such certificate shall have been received at the Head Office of the Association within four months after the date of the said meeting of the Council.

(*e*) If the said meeting of the Council shall not be held within the said period of three months, or if the requisition prescribed by paragraph (*c*) of this Ordinance shall not have been issued within the said period of eight weeks, then the resolution shall come into operation immediately upon the expiration of the said period of three months or of the said period of eight weeks (as the case may be). But save as aforesaid the resolution shall have no operation unless and until it shall have been approved either by the Council or on a Referendum as hereinbefore provided and if and when so approved the same shall come into operation as a valid and effectual decision of the Association.

(*f*) The fact of the resolution having been so approved shall be forthwith published in the Journal.

SECTION V.

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS.

18. The Council shall at least once a year arrange Meetings or Conferences, alone or in conjunction with other bodies, which it shall be open to every Member of the Association to attend, for the purpose of receiving addresses or other communications relating to the Medical or allied sciences, and discussing such subjects pertaining thereto as the Council may think proper, and the Council may arrange to hold such Meetings or Conferences in the United Kingdom or abroad.

When held in the United Kingdom, one such Meeting shall be convened at the same place as the Annual Representative Meeting and in connection, but so as not to conflict, therewith. For the more convenient consideration of the matters to be discussed, the Council may provide that they shall be considered in Sectional Meetings, and the Council shall appoint a President and other Officers of such Sections as well as readers of any addresses that may be given.

SECTION VI.

COUNCIL.

19. The Council shall be composed of the President of the Association, the President Elect, the Past President, the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Chairman of Council, the Past Chairman of Council, and Treasurer *ex officio* and of Members elected by the bodies, and in the manner prescribed in that behalf by the By-laws.

SECTION VII.

OFFICERS.

20. There shall be the following executive officers of the Association, namely, a President, a President Elect, a Past President, a Chairman of Representative Meetings, a Chairman of Council, and a Treasurer. The Officers aforesaid shall hold office for such term, and shall have and enjoy such duties, powers and privileges as shall be determined from time to time by the By-laws.

21. The Council may from time to time appoint and dismiss such salaried and other officers and servants as it may think fit.

SECTION VIII.

COMMITTEES.

22. Committees may be appointed in such manner and having such powers as may be prescribed by the By-laws, or as the Representative Body or the Council, subject to the provisions of the By-laws, may think proper.

SECTION IX.

EXPENSES.

23. The expenses, as defined in the By-laws, within the United Kingdom of Members of Council and Representatives of Divisions attending any Representative Meeting shall be defrayed out of the general funds of the Association. Attendance of Representatives of Divisions for this purpose shall be construed to mean attendance at each Session of the Representative Meeting, unless the Council shall be satisfied that good cause existed for absence from any particular Session or Sessions. The expenses, defined as aforesaid, within the United Kingdom of all Members attending Meetings of Council or of Committees and of all Members authorised by the Representative Body or by the Council to attend, and attending, any Conference shall be defrayed in like manner.

The Council shall (subject as hereinbefore provided) determine what shall be considered an attendance for the purpose of this clause.

SECTION X.

FINANCIAL AND OTHER REPORTS AND AUDIT.

24. The Council shall annually prepare a Balance Sheet and Financial Statement of the Association for the past year, an Estimate of the probable income and expenditure of the Association for the coming year, and a Report of the general state and proceedings of the Association for the past year to be presented to the Annual Representative Meeting. Such Balance Sheet and Statement shall be audited by a professional Accountant and a copy of the same as audited and also a copy of such Estimate and Report shall be sent to the Secretary of every Branch and Division, and published in the Journal not less than two months before the said Meeting.

25. In addition to the above-mentioned Report, the Council shall have power to present to any Representative Meeting such further report or reports as it may deem advisable, and the same shall be published in the Journal if time permits.

SECTION XI.

BY-LAWS.

26. Save so far as determined by the Charter, or by the Ordinances, the constitution and mode of government of the Association, the rights and obligations of every Member and separate body of Members thereof, the duties, powers, and privileges of all Officers, and of all Councils, Committees and governing and administrative bodies, both of the Association and of every Division and Branch, shall be such as may from time to time be prescribed and determined by or in accordance with the By-laws, and the By-laws (including the first By-laws) may from time to time be added to, amended, altered, or repealed by the Representative Body, subject to the provisions hereinbefore contained with respect to a resolution of that Body for the purposes aforesaid.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

BY-LAWS OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

SECTION I.

PRELIMINARY.

1.—(1) In these By-laws (where not repugnant to the context) the expression "The Ordinances" means and includes the Ordinances of the British Medical Association contained in the First Schedule to the Royal Charter granted in the year , and incorporating that Association and any amendment of those Ordinances.

(2) Words occurring in these By-laws and also occurring in the Ordinances shall bear the same respective meanings in these By-laws as they bear in the Ordinances.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the purpose of the interpretation of these By-laws, as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. These By-laws shall be construed so as not to conflict with the Charter or the Ordinances.

SECTION II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Application.

4. Every candidate for Membership of the Association shall apply for election in writing, addressed to the Association, and stating his agreement, if elected, to abide by the Ordinances and By-laws, and the Rules of the Division and Branch to which he may at any time belong, and to pay his subscription for the current year.

Election by Branches.

5.—(1) In the case of a Branch in the United Kingdom, the mode of election of new members shall be as follows:—Every candidate who resides within the area of a Branch shall forward his application to the Secretary of such Branch. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the Branch Secretary to the Association at the Head Office, and to every Member of the Branch Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a Member of the Association by the Branch Council at any meeting thereof held not less than seven days (or such longer period as the Branch may by its rules prescribe) after the date of the said notice. A Branch may require that each candidate for election shall furnish a certificate signed by two Members (either of the Association, or of the Branch, or of the Division in which he resides, as the Rules of the Branch may prescribe), stating that from personal knowledge they consider him a suitable person for election.

(2) In the case of a Branch not in the United Kingdom the mode of election shall be such as may, with the consent of the Council, be prescribed by the Rules of the Branch.

Election by the Council.

6. Every candidate who does not reside within the area of any Branch shall forward his application to the Association at the Head Office, together with a certificate signed by three Members of the Association stating that from personal knowledge they consider him a suitable person for election. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the Association from the Head Office to every Member of the Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a Member of the Association by the Council at any meeting thereof held not less than one month after the date of the said notice.

Election of Officers of Services.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in either of the two last preceding By-laws, officers of the Navy, Army, and Indian Medical Service on the Active List, are eligible for election through the Council or a Branch without any such certificate as therein mentioned.

Honorary Members.

8. The election of Honorary Members shall be by the Representative Body, on the recommendation of the Council. Honorary Members shall have none of the liabilities of Members as regards subscriptions, and shall not be entitled to any vote, but shall have such privileges as may be conferred upon them by resolution of the Representative Body. Every Honorary Member shall cease to be such Member upon a resolution of the Council to that effect passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting, and confirmed by the Representative Body.

Extraordinary Members—"Associate," "Complimentary."

9. Extraordinary Members shall be either Associate or Complimentary Members. Any Division or Branch may elect as an Associate Member any Ordinary Member of any other Division or Branch and may elect as a Complimentary Member any qualified Medical Practitioner or person distinguished in Science resident within the area of the Division or Branch, but not eligible for ordinary membership of the Association. Divisions or Branches may by their local Rules confer on Extraordinary Members such privileges other than that of voting, and impose such conditions of election as they may think desirable, subject to the sanction of the Council.

Annual List of Members.

10. In the month of May in each year a List of Members of the Association shall be prepared and published stating the names and addresses of the Ordinary Members of each Division and Branch as shown by the Register (to be kept by the Association at the Head Office) of Members of the Association on April 30th of that year, and those named in the said List as Members of any Division or Branch and no others shall be deemed to be the Ordinary Members of such Division and Branch at the date of the publication of such list for all the purposes of the Ordinances and the By-laws. Such list is hereinafter referred to as the "Annual List."

SECTION III.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Amount.

11. Except in the case of Members elected on or after the first of July in any year, the subscription to the Association shall be twenty-five shillings. A Member admitted on or after the first of July in any year shall pay half the current subscription for that year.

To whom Paid.

12. Subscriptions shall be paid by all Members to the Treasurer or to such persons (if any) as the Treasurer may authorise to receive subscriptions on his behalf of which authorisation notice shall be given to all Members concerned.

Arrears of Subscription, Cessation of Membership.

13.—(1) Any Member whose subscription shall not have been paid on or before the 31st December of the current year shall, without prejudice to his liability to the Association, be suspended from all privileges of membership, and at the end of the succeeding year, if the arrears be still unpaid, he shall, *ipso facto*, cease to be a Member.

(2) No Member shall (except in case of his expulsion, or of his ceasing to be a Member under the provisions of Ordinance 9 (*c*) or under the previous provision of this By-law) cease to be a Member without having given one month's previous notice, in writing, of his intention in that behalf to the Association at the Head Office, and having paid all arrears of subscription (if any) due from him.

Special Subscription to Divisions and Branches.

14. It shall be competent for any Division or Branch offering special privileges to its Members to require a special subscription from those Members who desire to avail themselves of such special privileges, and it shall likewise be competent for any Division or Branch to charge such special subscription as it may think proper to its Extraordinary Members; but no Ordinary Member of any Division or Branch in the United Kingdom shall be called upon to pay any further subscription than that paid to the Association as a condition of enjoying any ordinary privilege of membership of such Division or Branch.

Special Subscriptions to Branches not in the United Kingdom.

15. (1) It shall also be competent for any Branch not in the United Kingdom by Rule (approved as hereinafter mentioned) to require each member of such Branch to pay (in addition to his Subscription to the Association and to any such special subscription) an annual subscription of such amount as may be deemed by such Branch to be necessary for defraying expenses occasioned by the special circumstances of such Branch, and not capable of being defrayed out of any grant from the funds of the Association made in pursuance of the By-laws.

(2) No such Rule shall have effect unless and until it shall have been approved by the Branch and by the Council in accordance with the following provisions.

(3) Approval by the Branch may be given either (*a*) by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the Members of the Branch, voting by means of voting papers sent to all such Members (in such manner as the Rules of the Branch may prescribe) not less than two months

before the result of such voting is ascertained, or (*b*) by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the Members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Branch specially convened to consider the proposed Rule, of which Meeting not less than 21 days' notice shall have been given to all the Members of the Branch.

(4) In the event of such Rule being approved at a General Meeting of the Branch under paragraph (3) (*b*) hereof, a copy of such Rule, together with a copy of this By-law, shall be sent to every Member of the Branch, and the Secretary or other responsible officer of the Branch shall certify to the Council that such copies have been so sent, and such Rule shall not be approved by the Council (*a*) until the expiration of six months from the date of such Certificate or (*b*) if the Council shall, within the said period of six months, have received a representation in writing purporting to be signed by not less than one-eighth of the total number of Members of the Branch (as appearing in the annual list for the time being in force), praying that the said Rule be not approved.

SECTION IV.

DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

Local Management: Branches.

16. The management of the affairs of each Branch shall be vested in a Branch Council, composed of the following members:—

(*a*) Those members of the Council who are elected by the Group of Branches to which the Branch belongs.

(*b*) The members elected to represent on the Representative Body the Divisions comprised in the Branch.

(*c*) Such officers of the Branch as the Branch shall declare to be members *ex-officio* of the Branch Council.

(*d*) In the case of a Branch comprising more Divisions than one, members elected by such Divisions in such manner that the number to be elected by each Division shall be as nearly as possible proportionate to the membership of such Division.

Branches not in the United Kingdom: Special Powers.

17.—(1) A Branch not in the United Kingdom shall have power, from time to time, to adopt and use, at the expense of its own Members, and for their benefit, or for the benefit of the local profession, any means authorised by the Charter for the attainment of any of the objects of the Association, notwithstanding that such means shall not have been adopted, or shall not for the time being be used, by the Association generally, but without power to impose any liability upon, or to pledge the credit of, the Association in connection with any act, matter, or thing done in pursuance of, or arising out of such adoption or user. Any such adoption shall forthwith be notified to the Council by the Secretary of the Branch.

(2) A Branch not in the United Kingdom shall have power to adopt without the approval of the Council, rules dealing with all or any of the following matters, which rules shall be binding upon the Members of the Branches to which they relate:—

(i.) The number and area of the Divisions of the Branch.

(ii.) The number, duties, and designation of office bearers of the Branch, provided that the Branch shall at all times have an Honorary Secretary, who shall be the official medium of communication with the Association and with other Branches and Divisions.

(iii.) The holding of Meetings of the Branch and the business to be considered thereat, but so as not to conflict with the Regulations of the Association, as to the autonomy of Divisions.

(iv.) The eligibility of practitioners not registered in the United Kingdom for election by the Branch as Members of the Association.

(v.) The privileges of ordinary membership of the Branch, other than the right to attend Meetings convened for the consideration of Association business.

(vi.) Any other matter as to which the Council may, from time to time, authorise the Branches, not in the United Kingdom, to make Rules without the approval of the Council.

Local Management: Divisions.

18. The management of the affairs of each Division shall be vested in an Executive Committee composed of the following members:—

(*a*) The member representing the Division on the Representative Body;

(*b*) The member or members representing the Division on the Branch Council;

(*c*) Such other members elected by the Division as the Division may determine.

Divisions not in the United Kingdom: Special Powers.

19. A Division not in the United Kingdom shall have power to adopt, without the approval of the Council, Rules dealing with all or any of the following matters, which Rules shall be binding upon the Members of the Division to which they relate:—

(i.) The number, duties, and designation of office bearers of the Division, provided that the Division shall at all times have an Honorary Secretary who shall be the official medium of communication with the Association, and with other Divisions and Branches.

(ii.) The holding of Meetings of the Division and the business to be considered thereat, but so as not to conflict with the Regulations of the Association as to the holding of Meetings of constituencies for the election of, and, if necessary, for the instruction of, Representatives, and for considering the Agenda of Representative Meetings, and for considering resolutions of the Representative Body in cases in which the Council has determined on a Referendum.

(iii.) Any other matter as to which the Council may from time to time authorise the Divisions not in the United Kingdom to make Rules without the approval of the Council.

Grants to Branches: Ordinary.

20.—(1) The Treasurer of the Association shall annually pay, or allow out of the funds of the Association, to the Treasurer of each Branch such sum, not exceeding four shillings, as the Council shall order to be paid, for each Member of the said Branch who has paid to the Association the full current annual subscription for that year, and

such sum, not exceeding two shillings, as the Council shall order to be paid, for each Member elected after the 1st July, who has paid to the Association half the current annual subscription.

(2) The grants made under this clause shall be applied to the expenses of the bodies to which they are made at the discretion of those bodies and within the limits of the objects of the Association as defined in the Charter.

(3) For the purposes of this By-law, those named in the Annual List for the time being in force, as Members of any Branch, shall be deemed to be Members of the said Branch for the year in which such Annual List is published, and those elected by any Branch Council, whose membership dates from July 1st in any year and has been notified to the Council, shall be deemed to be Members of the said Branch for the ensuing half-year.

(4) Provided that it shall be competent for the Treasurer in any year to make grants on account to any Branch prior to the publication of the Annual List for that year.

Supplementary Grants.

21. In addition to the grants made in pursuance of the last preceding By-law, the Council, on the application of any Division or Branch, shall have power to make a supplementary grant of such amount as the Council may deem proper. Every application by a Division, not itself a Branch, shall be forwarded through the Branch Council, whose duty it shall be to transmit the same to the Council, with such comment (if any), as the Branch Council may deem expedient.

22. All applications for supplementary grants shall be referred by the Council to the Organisation Committee for report thereon, and, in considering the same, the said Committee and Council shall have regard to the evidence of work done by or through the agency of such Division or Branch for the Association or the medical profession.

Application of Grants.

23. Out of the moneys received by way of grant from the Association as aforesaid each Branch shall (so far as possible) defray all its expenses, and shall also pay to each Division of the Branch such sum as the Branch Council may consider necessary to enable the Division to defray its expenses.

Annual Reports.

24. Every Division shall furnish annually to the Branch Council during the month of January, and every Branch shall furnish to the Council not later than March 15th in every year, a report of its proceedings during the previous year, a statement of its numbers and a financial statement in such form as the Council may from time to time prescribe.

SECTION V.

REPRESENTATIVE BODY.

Formation of Constituencies.

25.—(1) Representatives of Divisions shall be elected by Constituencies formed as follows, each such Constituency being entitled to elect one Representative.

(2) Any Division having not less than fifty members may form one Constituency, and except as hereinafter provided every Division having less than fifty members shall be grouped by the Council with another Division, or with other Divisions, to form a Constituency having not less than fifty members.

(3) Provided that the Council shall have power to give separate representation to Divisions having fewer than fifty members in those cases in which it appears to the Council that special difficulties exist as to the holding of joint meetings with neighbouring Divisions.

(4) In no case shall the total number of Constituencies formed throughout the Association exceed 300.

(5) Subject as aforesaid the Constituencies shall be formed and may be from time to time altered by the Council, and the Council shall publish lists of the Constituencies as and when they may think expedient.

Election of Representatives.

26.—(1) The Representative shall be elected, not more than nine months nor less than four weeks, before the Annual Representative Meeting at which he takes office, by a General Meeting, or by Voting Papers sent to each Member, of the Constituency, as the said Constituency may decide.

(2) The said meeting shall be convened (or where the election is by voting papers, the voting papers shall be despatched) by the Secretary of the Division forming the constituency, or in the case of a constituency comprising more Divisions than one, by the Secretary of one of those Divisions to be chosen by the Secretaries of those Divisions, and if they cannot agree, by the Council.

(3) Where the election is by voting papers, a Meeting of the Members of the constituency (convened as aforesaid) shall be held after the election, and not less than 21 days before the date of the Annual Representative Meeting, for the purpose of considering the Agenda of that Representative Meeting and instructing the Representative thereon, and if such Meeting of the Members of the constituency shall not be held, the Representative of the Constituency shall not be entitled to attend the Representative Meeting.

(4) The person acting under Clause (2) of this By-law shall, not less than fourteen days before the Annual Representative Meeting, give notice to the Association at the Head Office of the name and address and mode of election of the Representative elected by the constituency, and if the election was by voting papers, shall submit satisfactory evidence as to the holding of the subsequent Meeting of the Members of the constituency, and the Chairman of Representative Meetings, or any person authorised by him in that behalf, shall, on being satisfied as to the matters aforesaid, cause a ticket of admission to the Meeting to be issued to such Representative.

Term of Office.

27. The Representative of a constituency shall come into office at the commencement of the Annual Representative Meeting next

succeeding the date of his election, and shall continue in office until the commencement of the Annual Representative Meeting in the following year, and shall be re-eligible.

Substitutes for Representatives.

28. In the event of a Representative of any constituency being unable or unwilling to attend a Representative Meeting, the said constituency shall have power to select a Representative (not being the Representative, whether original or substituted, of any other constituency), to act at the said Meeting in his stead, and such selection may be made by the constituency in General Meeting or by such Officer or Member of the Division or Divisions composing the constituency as may have been authorised by the Rules of the Division or Divisions or by a Resolution of the constituency to make such selection.

Convening of Annual Representative Meetings.

29. The Annual Representative Meeting shall be convened in every year by the Council, and shall be held at such time and place as shall have been prescribed by the Association in the previous Annual Representative Meeting, and if no time or place shall have been so prescribed, the same shall be determined by the Council. All persons who have been elected to take office as Members of Council at the close of an Annual Representative Meeting shall be entitled to take part in such Meeting.

Special Representative Meetings.

30.—(1) Representative Meetings, other than the Annual Representative Meeting, shall be styled Special Representative Meetings, and shall be convened at any time by the Chairman of Representative Meetings on the requisition of the Council or on the requisition of not less than seven Constituencies.

(2) At least 14 days' notice of such Meeting shall be given in the Journal, and such notice shall indicate the object for which such meeting is convened.

(3) No business shall be dealt with by a Special Representative Meeting other than that for which it is specifically convened.

Business of Annual Representative Meeting.

31. The business of the Annual Representative Meeting shall be to elect a Representative of a Division as the Chairman of Representative Meetings, and also a Representative of a Division as Deputy-Chairman; to elect a President of the Association; to elect twelve Members of the Council, and such other Officers and such Members of Committees as by the Ordinances or By-laws may be required to be so elected; to consider the election of Honorary Members when recommended by the Council; to appoint a place at which the next Annual Representative Meeting shall be held; to consider the Annual Financial Statement and Balance

Sheet presented by the Council; to appoint an Auditor or Auditors (who shall be a professional Accountant or professional Accountants) and fix his or their remuneration; to consider Reports of the Council, Reports of Committees instructed to report to such Meeting and Reports of Branches and motions relating to the adoption of such reports in whole or in part; to make new Ordinances or By-laws and alter and repeal existing Ordinances or By-laws and to consider any Resolution relating to the honour and interests of the Medical Profession or of the Association which shall have been adopted by any Division or Branch, provided that any such Resolution proposing material alteration of the Constitution or policy of the Association shall have been submitted through the Journal for the consideration of all the Divisions not less than three months previously.

Chairman.

32. At every Representative Meeting the Chairman of Representative Meetings, when present, and in his absence the Deputy Chairman of Representative Meetings, when present, shall preside. In the absence of both the said Officers the Meeting shall appoint a Chairman from its own number.

Voting.

33.—(1) In any Representative Meeting only Representatives of Divisions and Members of Council representing the Naval, Army, and Indian Medical Services, shall be entitled to vote.

(2) Voting shall be by show of hands, unless before such vote is taken twenty Representatives present request that the vote shall be taken by card, in which case every Representative of a Division shall record as many votes as there are Members in the constituency which he represents according to the annual list then in force. Members of Council representing the Naval, Army, and Indian Medical Services shall not take part in a vote taken by card.

(3) In voting upon any matter upon which a constituency has passed a Resolution within the three months immediately preceding such Meeting, the Representative of that constituency shall be under obligation to vote in accordance with such resolution.

(4) The Chairman shall in the case of an equality of votes have a second or casting vote.

Quorum.

34. No business shall be transacted at any Representative Meeting unless there be present at least one-half of the number of Representatives appointed to attend such Meeting.

Adjournment.

35. Any Representative Meeting may be adjourned from day to day until the completion of its business.

Minutes.

36. The Minutes of every Representative Meeting shall, after confirmation, be transmitted by the Chairman thereof to the Council for presentation to its next meeting.

SECTION VI.

COUNCIL.

Commencement of Office.

37. The Council shall come into office at the close of the Annual Representative Meeting of each year.

Composition.

38. The Council shall be composed of the *ex-officio* Members mentioned in the ordinances, and of Members duly elected by the following bodies, namely :—

(*a*) By the Branches of the Association, in the United Kingdom which shall be grouped for the purpose of electing 24 members of the Council ;

(*b*) By the Branches of the Association not in the United Kingdom which shall be grouped for the purpose of electing members of the Council not exceeding 7 in number ;

(*c*) By the Representative Body, which shall elect annually 12 members of the Council from lists of candidates nominated by (i) Branch Councils, (ii) by Divisions, (iii) by the Scottish Committee, (iv) by the Irish Committee, or (v) by at least 10 members resident in the area of the group of Branches to which the candidate nominated belongs ; and

(*d*) By the Council itself which shall have power to add to its numbers at any of its meetings all or any one or more of the following, namely :—One Medical Officer on the active or retired list of each of the following Services:—The Royal Navy Medical Service, the Army Medical Service, and the Indian Medical Service, provided that in each case such medical officer shall not have retired from the active list more than five years previously.

Grouping of Branches.

39. The grouping of the Branches for the purpose of the election of Members of the Council shall be in accordance with the Grouping Scheme set forth in the First Schedule to these By-laws.

Mode of Election by Groups in the United Kingdom.

40.—(1) The election of Members of Council by the Groups of Branches in the United Kingdom shall be by means of voting papers sent by post by the Association from the Head Office to each member of every Branch comprised in the group.

(2) The said voting papers shall contain the names of those candidates who have been nominated, either (*a*) by a Division, or (*b*) in writing, signed by not less than three Members of any such Branch, and sent to the Association at the Head Office on or before an appointed day of which not less than fourteen days' notice has been given in the *Journal*.

(3) The said voting papers shall contain such other particulars (if any) and shall be sent to the Association at the Head Office within such time as the Council may from time to time prescribe by notice given as aforesaid.

(4) The expenses of the said election shall be borne by the Association.

Mode of Election by Groups not in the United Kingdom.

41.—(1) The election of Members of Council by the Groups of Branches not in the United Kingdom shall be by voting papers sent by post by the Secretary of each Branch comprised in the Group to each member of that Branch.

(2) The said voting papers shall contain the names of those candidates who have been nominated either (*a*) by a Division, or (*b*) in writing signed by not less than three members of any such Branch on or before an appointed day of which such notice shall have been given in the *Journal* as the Rules of the Branch may prescribe.

(3) The said voting papers shall contain such other particulars (if any) and shall be sent to such one of the said Honorary Secretaries (hereinafter called "the Returning Officer") within such time as the Council may from time to time prescribe by notice given as aforesaid.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Returning Officer to count the votes given for each candidate and to make a return of the result of the election to the Association at the Head Office.

(5) The expenses incurred by each Branch in respect of the election shall be defrayed out of the funds of the Association.

Mode of Election by Representative Body.

42. The Members of Council elected by the Representative Body shall (so far as the nominations of candidates will allow) be selected from the Members of Branches in the United Kingdom in such manner as to preserve the proportion in which such Branches are represented on the Council according to the Grouping Scheme for the time being in force.

Term of Office of Members of Council elected by Branches.

43.—(1) Each Member of Council elected by a group of Branches in the United Kingdom shall hold office for one year, and at the end of that time shall be eligible for re-election, unless he have served as the representative on the Council of one and the same Branch or group for six years successively, in which case he shall for one year be incapable of being elected as such representative.

(2) Each Member of Council elected by a Branch or group not in the United Kingdom, or elected by the Council to represent the Royal Navy Medical Service, the Army Medical Service, or the Indian Medical Service, shall hold office for such period, not exceeding three years, as the electing body may determine, and at the expiration of such period shall be eligible for re-election, provided that no such Member shall be re-elected so as to make his period of continuous service as the Representative on the Council of one and the same group exceed six years.

Term of Office of Members elected by the Representative Body.

44. Each Member of Council elected by the Representative Body shall hold office for one year, and at the end of that time shall be eligible for re-election, unless he have served as a Member of Council elected by the Representative Body for six years successively, in which case he shall for one year be incapable of being so elected.

Qualification.

45.—(1) No person shall be eligible for election as a Member of Council by a group of Branches in the United Kingdom unless at the time of his election he shall be a Member of a Branch comprised in such group.

(2) The eligibility for election as a Member of Council by a group of Branches not in the United Kingdom, shall be such as may be agreed upon by the Branches forming the said group, and if no such agreement shall be made, the regulations as to eligibility shall be the same as for the groups in the United Kingdom.

Powers of incomplete Council.

46. In default of and until election of a Member or Members by any body authorised to elect, or so far as such election shall not be complete, all the powers conferred on the Council shall belong to and be exercised by the *ex officio* Members thereof alone and such other Members (if any) of the Council as may have been duly elected by bodies authorised to elect.

Casual Vacancies.

47. Any casual vacancy occurring in the Council not less than four months before the Annual Representative Meeting amongst the Members of Council elected by the Representative Meeting shall be filled up by the Chairman of Representative Meetings. Any other vacancy which may so occur shall be filled up by the body which appointed the Member of Council whose place shall have so become vacant, and the election to fill such last-mentioned vacancy shall be conducted in the same manner as the annual election. Any person so chosen shall retain his office so long only as the Member in whose office such casual vacancy shall have occurred would have retained the same if such vacancy had not occurred. The provisions of this clause shall apply as well to the members forming the first Council of the Association in pursuance of Clause 11 of the Charter as to members subsequently taking office.

Proceedings.

48. The Council shall meet not less than four times a year, and shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Council, or in his absence by a Chairman to be appointed by the Meeting from its own number.

49. Meetings of the Council shall be held at such time and place, and upon such notice as the Council shall appoint.

50. No business shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Council unless at least 15 Members be present.

51. The Chairman of Council may, if he think fit, and shall, upon receiving a requisition signed by not less than fifteen Members of the Council, and specifying the business for which a Special Meeting is required, call together a Special Meeting thereof. No business shall be transacted at a Special Meeting other than that for which such Meeting is called.

SECTION VII.

JOURNAL.

52. The *Journal* shall be conducted by a paid Editor, who shall be responsible for all that appears therein except such matters as are inserted therein in accordance with the Ordinances or By-laws, or by the direction of the Council.

SECTION VIII.

OFFICERS.

53. The President of the Association shall be elected annually at the Annual Representative Meeting and shall enter upon the duties of his office at the next Annual Representative Meeting, and until then shall bear the title of President-Elect. At the expiration of his year of office as President he shall be designated Past President, and shall hold office as such for one year.

54. The Chairman of Representative Meetings shall be elected annually at the Annual Representative Meeting. He shall enter upon the duties of his office at the close of the Meeting, and shall not during his term of office act as the Representative of any constituency. Any constituency of which at the time of his election he was a Representative shall be entitled to elect another in his stead.

55. The Chairman of Council shall be elected by the Council from its own number, and shall hold office for such term and discharge such duties as shall be determined by the Council. During his term of office and for one year thereafter he shall be a member of the Council *ex officio*, and for that period any group of Branches which at the time of his election he represented on the Council shall be entitled to elect another member of Council in his stead.

56. The Treasurer shall be elected at an Annual Representative Meeting and shall hold office for three years. He shall receive all moneys payable to the Association, and discharge all accounts which have been ordered by the Council to be paid.

57.—(1) In the event of the death during his term of office, or the resignation, of the President, the President-Elect, the Chairman of Representative Meetings, or the Treasurer, the vacancy thus created shall be filled, until the next Annual Representative Meeting, in the manner, following, namely:—

(*a*) In the case of the President, the Past-President shall discharge the duties of the office.

(*b*) In the case of the President-Elect, the Council shall appoint a President-Elect in his stead.

(*c*) In the case of the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Deputy Chairman shall discharge the duties of the office.

(*d*) In the case of the Treasurer, the Council shall appoint a Treasurer in his stead.

(2) In the event of a vacancy occurring in any of the executive offices above mentioned through circumstances not provided for in this By-law, it shall rest with the Council to make such appointment or other provision as it may deem expedient for the discharge of the duties of the said office until the next Annual Representative Meeting.

58. The Council shall have power to nominate for election at the Annual Representative Meeting those members who by their services to the Association are in the opinion of the Council worthy of election as Vice-Presidents. No special privilege shall attach to the office of Vice-President and such office shall be held for life unless terminated

by resignation, or by a vote of the Association in Representative Meeting assembled on a motion brought forward by the Council.

59. All salaried officers shall be appointed and may be dismissed by the Council and shall hold office for such period and perform such duties and receive such remuneration as the Council may from time to time determine.

SECTION IX.

COMMITTEES.

60. The Representative Body and the Council shall respectively have power to appoint Committees, with such powers as may to them seem necessary or convenient, and to fix the quorum thereof, and lay down Rules for regulating the proceedings of such Committees.

61. The President of the Association, the Chairman of Representative Meetings, the Chairman of Council, and the Treasurer shall be *ex officio* Members of all Committees.

62. Without prejudice to the foregoing By-laws, there shall be Standing Committees called by the names, composed in the manner, and having the powers and duties set forth in the Second Schedule to these By-laws.

Chairman.

63. Each Standing Committee shall appoint from its own number a Member of Council as Chairman.

64. Every Standing Committee shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees for the purposes of any of their powers or duties and any such Sub-committee may include persons who are not members of the Association.

SECTION X.

EXPENSES.

65. The expenses of any person, which in pursuance of the Ordinances are to be defrayed out of the general funds of the Association, are the first-class travelling expenses within the United Kingdom of that person.

SECTION XI.

SEAL.

66. The Council shall provide for the safe custody of the seal of the Association, and the seal shall not be used except in pursuance of a resolution of the Council and in the presence of at least one member of the Council and of a Secretary of the Association who shall sign every instrument to which the seal is affixed.

SECTION XII.

GENERAL.

Notices.

67.—(1) A notice may be served by the Association upon any member either personally or by sending it through the post, in a prepaid letter, addressed to such member at his last known address or by publication of such notice in the *Journal* and sending a copy of the *Journal* containing such notice to such member, prepaid and addressed as above mentioned.

(2) A notice may be served on any Division or Branch, by serving the same as aforesaid on the Secretary of such Division or Branch, and if there be none, then on any two members of such Division or Branch.

(3) Any notice, if served by post, shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the letter, or a copy of the *Journal* containing the same is posted, and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter, or a copy of the *Journal* containing the notice, was properly addressed and put into the Post Office.

68. Where by these By-laws any act or thing is required to be done by the Association the same may be done by such officer of the Association as the Council may appoint for the purpose.

Validity of Proceedings.

69. The proceedings of the Representative Body or of the Council or of any Branch Council or Committee or other Body acting under the Charter or the Ordinances or the By-laws shall not be invalidated by any accidental omission to give any notice required by the By-laws or by any vacancy among their members or by any defect in the election or qualification of any of their members.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE BY-LAWS.

Grouping Scheme (for the Election of Members of Council by Groups of Branches).

PART I.—BRANCHES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Names of Groups.	Branches comprised in Group.	No. of Members of Council to be elected by Group.
	England and Wales.	
Northern Group	North of England North Lancashire and South Westmorland Yorkshire Lancashire and Cheshire	
Midland Group	East York and North Lincoln Midland Cambridge and Huntingdon East Anglian South Midland Birmingham Staffordshire North Wales Shropshire and Mid Wales South Wales and Monmouthshire	4
Metropolitan Group	Metropolitan Counties Branch South Eastern Branch Bromley Division Croydon Division Norwood Division	4
Southern and South Western Group	Bath and Bristol Gloucester West Somerset Worcester and Hereford Dorset and West Hants South Western Oxford and Reading Southern South Eastern (excluding Bromley, Croydon and Norwood Divisions)	4
	Scotland.	
	Aberdeen Border Counties Dundee Edinburgh Fife Glasgow and West of Scotland Northern Counties of Scotland Perth Stirling	4
	Ireland.	
	Connaught Leinster Munster South Eastern, Ireland Ulster	4

PART II.—BRANCHES NOT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Names of Groups.	Branches comprised in Group.	No. of Members of Council to be elected by Group.
Australia and New Zealand ..	Adelaide and South Australia	1
	Western Australia	
	Sydney and New South Wales..	
	Melbourne and Victoria	
	Brisbane and Queensland	
	New Zealand	
Canada	Ottawa	1
	Quebec	
	Montreal..	
	Halifax and Novia Scotia	
	Bermuda..	
	St. John, New Brunswick	
	Saskatchewan	
	Toronto	
	Manitoba..	
	British Columbia	
West Indies	Barbadoes	1
	Jamaica	
	Trinidad	
	Leeward Islands..	
	British Guiana	
India	Bombay	1
	Punjab	
	Bengal (no Branch)	
	Burmah	
	South India and Madras	
	Colombo and Ceylon	
The Far East..	Malaya	1
	Hong Kong and China..	
South Africa	Cape of Good Hope (Western)	1
	Cape of Good Hope (Eastern)..	
	Griqualand West (including Orange River Colony) ..	
	Transvaal	
	Natal	
Mediterranean and Continental ..	Egypt	1
	Malta	
	Gibraltar..	
	Members on Continent of Europe (no Branches)	

THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE BY-LAWS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Name of Committee.	Additional *ex officio* Members.	Appointed Members.			Total.	Duties, Powers, &c.
		Appointed by the Representative Body.	Appointed by the Council.	Appointed by each Irish Branch.		
Finance	The Chairman of each of the following Committees:— Organization, Journal, Science, Medico-Political, and Premises.	4	4	..	13	To certify the accounts prior to their presentation to the Council; to advise the Council on the administration of any funds held in trust by the Association, and of the Superannuation Fund. When necessary, the appointment of administrators for any such funds; to report to the Council on the financial bearings of any proposals involving special expenditure; to supervise and report to the Council on the general working and organization of the Central Office.
Organization ..	..	3	3	..	6 (with power to add to its number as mentioned in the last column of this Schedule.)	To consider and advise upon questions affecting the interpretation or alteration of the Regulations of the Association and the Standing Orders of the Representative Meeting and Council; to deal with questions as to the boundaries or area, the grouping for electoral purposes and the Rules (other than those relating to ethical matters) of Divisions and Branches and combinations thereof, and the ordinary and supplementary grants to Branches and Divisions, and to exercise such powers as may be conferred upon it by the Council in advising and assisting Divisions and Branches in the strengthening of their organization. This Committee shall have power to add to its number for special purposes a limited number of Members specially qualified to assist in its work.
Journal	..	3	3	..	6	To consider and report to the Council upon any matters connected with the Journal or other publications of the Association.
Premises	..	3	3	..	6	To consider and report to the Council upon the management of the land and house property of the Association.
Science	..	..	10	..	10 (with power to add to its number as mentioned in the last	To advise, and when so directed, act for the Council, in all matters not specially referred to other Committees which concern the work of the Association for the promotion of the Medical and allied Sciences, including

STANDING COMMITTEES—*continued.*

Name of Committee.	Additional *ex officio* Members.	Appointed Members.			Total.	Duties, Powers, &c.
		Appointed by the Representative Body.	Appointed by the Council.	Appointed by each Irish Branch.		
Science—*contd.*..	..	..	..	..	column of this Schedule.)	the conditions of award of Scholarships, Grants or Medals (except the Gold Medal of the Association) given by the Association, or under Trusts undertaken by the Association, the assistance of the Officers of the Sections at the Annual Meeting, the arrangement of Committees for special Scientific work, the encouragement and assistance of the Scientific work of the Branches and Divisions, and all matters connected with the Library and its management. The Committee shall have power to co-opt for the consideration of the award of Scholarships, Grants and Medals, Members not exceeding four in number, specially qualified to assist in its work.
Ethical	..	6	6	..	12	To advise the Council on questions connected with Rules of Divisions and Branches relating to professional conduct, to investigate and report to the Council upon the cases of Members whose conduct is to be considered by the Council on the representation of Divisions or Branches pursuant to Ordinance 10, and generally to advise, and, where so directed, act for the Council on all questions of professional conduct; also to adjudicate in matters of dispute as to professional conduct arising between Members of the Association or Members of the Profession or at the discretion of the Committee to refer any question arising in connection with such a dispute to any Division or Branch, or to any Divisions or Branches jointly, for investigation or for adjudication subject to an appeal to the Committee; and so that any Member of the Association directly concerned in such a dispute shall have a right of appeal to the Council from the decision of the Committee and that the decision of the Committee subject to such appeal, and the decision of the Council upon any such appeal shall be binding upon the parties and upon all Members of the Association.
Medico-Political..	..	6	6	..	12	To deal with all matters involving the public relations of the Profession not specially referred to other Committees.

Standing Committees—*continued.*

Name of Committee.	Additional *ex officio* Members.	Appointed Members.			Total.	Duties, Powers, &c.
		Appointed by the Representative Body.	Appointed by the Council.	Appointed by each Irish Branch.		
Public Health ..	..	3	3	..	6	To consider questions relating to Public Health and the Poor Law Medical Service.
Hospitals.. ..	..	6	6	..	12	To consider and report to the Council upon questions concerning Hospitals and other Medical Charities.
Naval and Military	The Representatives on the Council of the Royal Navy Medical Service, the Army Medical Service and the Indian Medical Service	2	2	..	..	To consider matters relating to the Royal Navy Medical Service, the Army Medical Service, the Indian Medical Service, and the Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial).
Colonial	All the members of the Council who represent Colonial Branches.	2	2	..	..	To consider questions specially relating to the Branches not in the United Kingdom.
Scottish	The Secretary of each Scottish Branch. All the members of the Council who represent Scottish Branches.	..	..	..	..	To consider all matters specially concerning Scotland. It shall have an Honorary Secretary, resident in Scotland, and shall meet at such place and time as the Committee may itself direct.
Irish	The Secretary of each Irish Branch. All the members of the Council who represent Irish Branches.	..	..	1 member or, if the Secretary of the Branch is a member of the Council, 2 members—any such member appointed by the Leinster Branch or by the Ulster Branch to be a practitioner not resident in Dublin or Belfast.	..	To consider all matters specially concerning Ireland. It shall have an Honorary Secretary, resident in Ireland, and shall meet at such place and time as the Committee may itself direct. This Committee shall have power to add to its number not more than 3 Members to represent districts which are not otherwise represented thereon.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

SOUTHPORT DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held at the Temperance Institute, Southport, on May 13th, Dr. G. R. ANDERSON in the chair. There were present: Drs. Ashworth, Baildon, Mewburn Brown, Colin Campbell, Woolmer-Davies, Horn, Littler, Popert, Reid, Russell, Schofield, Sykes, Walker, and Harris.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of Executive Committee.—The annual report of the Executive Committee was read. In consequence of a suggestion from the Organization Committee of the Association, the SECRETARY moved, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Division:

That the titles "President" and "Vice-President" be altered to "Chairman" and "Vice-Chairman" respectively.

This resolution was carried unanimously.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected: *Chairman*, Stanley A. Gill, M.D.; *Vice-Chairman*, W. Barwise, Esq.; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Robert Harris, M.B.; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, Stanley A. Gill, M.D.; *Deputy*, Robert Harris, M.B.; *Representatives on Branch Council*, Percy Ashworth, M.D.; *Executive Committee*, G. R. Anderson, Esq., J. C. Russel, M.D., J. H. Sykes, M.D., and C. R. Schofield, M.B.

Report of Representative on Branch Council—The Representative on the Branch Council reported business done by the Council in respect to its issue of reports of Divisions and its action respecting medical fees at coroners' inquests.

Members and Divisions.—Mr. COLIN CAMPBELL moved, and Dr. REID seconded:

(1) That, inasmuch as all the members of the British Medical Association, who are also members of Divisions, contribute equally to the funds of the Association, free intercourse between the Divisions should not be discouraged.

(2) Therefore, that, on introduction by a member of any Division, a member or members of any other Division or Divisions has (or should have) the right to take part in, or initiate, any subject or question concerning the conduct or government of the Association, but without the privilege of voting thereon.

Dr. BAILDON moved as an amendment, seconded by Dr. SYKES:

That, after the word discouraged, the following words should be inserted: "Except for purposes of canvassing or advocating special views."

Three voted for the amendment, 9 against. Dr. RUSSEL moved an amendment empowering the Executive Committee to invite any member of the medical profession to attend meetings of the Division, but withdrew it in favour of a similar amendment moved by Dr. HARRIS, seconded by Dr. MEWBURN BROWN:

That this meeting approves of the occasional attendance at meetings of the Division of any member of the profession not a member of the Division, but only on the invitation or with the consent of the Executive Committee.

This amendment was carried by 9 votes to 4, and by the same numbers on being submitted as a substantive resolution. An invitation was read from the Honorary Secretary of the Preston Division to members to attend a complimentary dinner to Dr. Brown of Preston, to take place on May 28th.

Scientific Meeting with Southport Medical Society.—A suggestion made by Dr. BAILDON that the Executive Committee should consider the promotion of a scientific meeting jointly with the Southport Medical Society was accepted.

Doctors and Midwives.—The following note was appended to the notices convening the meeting: The attention of medical practitioners is called by the Executive Committee to the circular letter of the Local Government Board, addressed to boards of guardians, dated July 29th, 1907, a copy of which was sent to all medical practitioners, in which it is pointed out that it is competent for boards of guardians to pay the fee of any medical man called in, on the advice of a midwife, to attend upon a poor person in case of difficulty, and advising the payment of such fee where the guardians are satisfied that the woman is too poor to pay. The Executive Committee advises the members of the Division, if such cases occur in their practice, to make application for payment to the Ormskirk Board of Guardians, and to communicate the result to the secretary of the Division.

WIGAN DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of this Division was held at Wigan on May 14th.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last general meeting were read and, with slight alteration, confirmed.

Reports.—The Honorary Secretary's report was read and adopted. The report of the representative on the Branch Council was read.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. W. Latham; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. M. Benson; *Representative on Branch Council*, Dr. M. G. McElligott; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. A. E. Hodder; *Committee*, Drs. Berry, Blair, Chronnell, Cooke, Monks, Rees, Wolstenholme, F. L. Angior.

Medical Examination for Life Insurance.—The meeting then discussed the questions relating to insurance submitted by the Medico-Political Committee of the Central Council, and answered questions as follows;

1. The following companies work in this Division and employ members as examiners regularly or occasionally: Royal, Prudential, Britannic, London and Manchester, London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, Refuge, Pearl, Royal Liver, Wesleyan and General, Pioneer, several Scottish offices and New York Life, and various friendly societies.
2. Yes; for example—Royal pays 10s. 6d. for sums under £500.
3. Many companies pay 10s. 6d. only for a full report if the sum insured is below a certain standard. The practice varies a good deal.
4. Many companies pay less than 10s. 6d., but in such cases do not require a full report. In the Royal a full report is required, but the fee is only 10s. 6d. up to £500.
5. Yes, in cases where the amount assured is under £100.
6. No.
7. No.
8. The form shown in Schedule B. would be suitable, and 10s. 6d. would be adequate remuneration, but would not be obtainable on small policies—for example, £50.
9. Five shillings; but most industrial work is paid at rate of 2s. 6d. or 3s. 6d. per examination, and industrial (speculative) insurance plays a very big part in the district. Companies like Prudential, Pearl, Refuge, Britannic, Wesleyan and General do a large industrial insurance business.

Medical Politics.—The meeting then heard an address on medical politics by Mr. F. C. LARKIN, in which he stated and explained the policy maintained by himself and his colleagues, Messrs. Garstang, Macfie, and Taylor, in candidature for seats on the Central Council. At the conclusion, Mr. Larkin was thanked for his address, and the following resolution was submitted and carried without dissent:

That this Division approves thoroughly the policy advocated by Messrs. Larkin, Garstang, Macfie and Taylor, and will do all it can to advance that policy by supporting the candidature of those gentlemen at the forthcoming election to the Central Council.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Thursday, May 14th, at 8 30 p.m., at the Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, N.W., Dr. PIDCOCK in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

Election of Branch Officers.—Dr. Ford Anderson was unanimously nominated for the post of President-elect of the Metropolitan Counties Branch. Mr. H. W. Armit was nominated for one of the posts of Vice-President.

Resolution for Representative Meeting.—The following resolution was passed, after some discussion, by 9 votes to 3. Proposed by Mr. PARSONS and seconded by Dr. JAMES STEWART:

That the Hampstead Division recommends: "That in the interests of hospitals and their work it is desirable that medical practitioners should nominate representatives for

election to boards of management of hospitals in their respective localities, and that such nominations should be carried out by an organized professional body such as a Division of the British Medical Association."

Paper.—A paper on some new points in urethral and prostatic surgery was read by Dr. J. MACMUNN, and the lecturer showed a number of new and ingenious instruments of his own invention. A discussion followed, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. MacMunn for his most interesting address.

Hampstead General Hospital.—The HONORARY SECRETARY and Mr. NELSON HARDY reported matters in this connexion which had come up before the Branch Council that afternoon. The HONORARY SECRETARY reported that he had received no official information as to the result of the meeting of the Marylebone Division on April 30th.

The Term "Hospital."—The consideration of this matter was postponed *sine die.*

Medical Examination for Life Assurance.—The consideration of this matter was postponed.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH:

CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION.

AN extraordinary meeting of this Division was held at the Cottage Hospital, Faversham, on Thursday, May 7th, Dr. SIDNEY R. ALEXANDER presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Next Meeting.—The details of the combined annual meeting, to be held at the County Hotel, Canterbury, on June 18th, was considered. Dr. S. R. Alexander was invited to preside.

Medical Inspection of School Children in Kent.—This subject was fully discussed, and the following resolution, passed unanimously, was ordered to be forwarded to the Kent Education Committee:

> That in the case of rural and urban district authorities the duties of education officer should be dealt with by part-time local medical men appointed according to local circumstances.

The Term "Hospital."—The Division unanimously approved the definition as proposed by the Central Ethical Committee.

Life Insurance Examinations.—The answers to the questions of the Medico-Political Committee were as follows:

1. Complete list impossible.
2. Yes, large number 10s. 6d.
3. Often fail.
4. Yes, and short.
5. Yes, for short report.
6. No.
7. No.
8. Half a guinea.
9. Five shillings.

Lynn Thomas and Skyrme Fund Appeal.—The matter was recommended for the individual action of members.

Amendments to the Housing Bill.—It was resolved unanimously to request the members of Parliament representing areas in the Division to support the amendments to the above Bill, which have for their object the abolishing of the practice of electing medical officers of health for limited periods.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.

THE thirty-second spring meeting was held at the Salop Infirmary on May 12th, at 3 o'clock. The PRESIDENT (Dr. Woodward Riley) was in the chair, and thirty-two members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Report of Council and Financial Statement.—The Council's report and financial statement for the past year was adopted.

Election of Officers.—On the proposition of Dr. ACKERLEY and seconded by Dr. SPRIGGS, the following members were appointed to the various offices for the session 1908-9: *President*, J. Lytle, M.D.; *Vice-President*, Woodward Riley; *Chairman of the Clinical and Pathological Section*, T. Law Webb, M.D.; *Representative on the Council of the Association*, Ed. Cureton, M.D.; *Representative at the Representative Meeting*, G. W. Sidebotham; *Council*, E. Cureton, M.D., H. W. Gardner, M.D., C. H. Gwynn, M.D., A. Jackson, Geo. Keyworth, M.B., John Lloyd, J. Macarthy, M.D., Harold Macleod, W. H. Packer, M.D., F. K. Pigott, Alan Rigden, M.D., T. Law Webb, M.D.; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, C. G. Russ Wood; *Assistant Honorary Secretary*, Reg. Urwick, M.D.

Papers.—Dr. SAUNDBY, of Birmingham, then read an exhaustive paper on cerebral influenza, which will be published. On the proposition of Dr. MACARTHY, seconded by Dr. LYTLE, and supported by the PRESIDENT, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Saundby for his address. Dr. SPRIGGS read a paper on some cases of congenital intestinal obstruction.

Tea.—At the conclusion of the meeting the President entertained the members at tea.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.

WE are requested to publish the following circular letter addressed to the members of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch:

CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTION, 1908.

Dear Sir,—The members of the Branch will shortly be called upon to elect four representatives on the Central Council of the Association, and as candidates we ask for your vote and support.

1. *United Aims.*—We issue this joint address because we all four represent the same policy, the policy of progress, the policy that is attempting to make the British Medical Association into a living and active bond of scientific, social and political union between medical men, which may enable them to offer an organized resistance to all encroachments on their rights, and may raise the position of the profession to one more in harmony with its importance.

2. *The Charter.*—Among the chief means for attaining these ends must be mentioned the Royal Charter. The application for a Charter has been so repeatedly approved by large majorities of successive Representative Meetings that we deprecate any attempts to frustrate or unduly delay it. At the same time we recognize that there is a minority of members whose opinions are deserving of the highest respect, and, though we strongly support the main principles of the Charter, we are prepared to accept any reasonable compromise so that it may go forward without opposition. We cannot, however, support any ill considered or over-rapid expansion of the work of the Association, and shall oppose acting upon any new powers conferred by the Charter until ample opportunity has been given to every member to express his opinion thereon.

3. *The Representative Meeting.*—We are supporters of the Representative Meeting as the supreme legislative body of the Association and the final authority, subject only to a Referendum, on all matters of policy and finance. We are prepared to accept any alteration in the manner of taking the Referendum that will facilitate the obtaining of a plain "Yes" or "No" with the least possible delay from the great body of members.

4. *The Central Council.*—We support the Central Council as the Executive of the Association, and, as such, are prepared even to strengthen its hands, but we cannot support any dual or rival authorities in the Association.

5. *Organization.*—We are strong supporters of the Divisional organization which was initiated to adapt the Association everywhere to local conditions. We believe that where the Divisions have not succeeded, it has been largely owing to the pre-existence of local medical societies, and we should like to offer some greater inducements to such societies to unite with the Association. For obtaining better co-ordination of the Divisions, we regard the Branch organization as most important, and as members of the new Standing Committee of the Branch Council on Organization and Finance, we have taken an active interest in this work of co-ordination. We recognize that the Joint Committees of the Divisions in Liverpool and Manchester are doing good work, but they are hampered by the fact that they have no legal status in the Association; we hope to find a remedy for this and shall always support any suggestions that will further the adaptation of Divisions to local conditions.

6. *Medical Politics.*—Among matters of general medical politics, we advocate vigorous action to obtain amendment of the Midwives Act and the Early Notification of Births Act. We are strongly opposed to all movements

for the medical treatment of school children by inspectors of schools. We regard Hospital Reform and Improvements in Contract Practice as two of the most important questions to all practitioners, and shall lose no opportunity of pressing them forward. To procure these ends, our chief aim will be the attainment of closer union between medical men. The interests of every branch of the profession we regard as the interests of the whole, and unity of interests ought to result in unity of action. Only by this can we expect to defeat any attempts by public bodies to exploit the profession. To attain a more complete unity of action than exists at present, we shall do all in our power to make the Association more fully representative of the whole body of the profession.

7. *The "British Medical Journal."*—We recognize that a certain number of members have joined the Association mainly for the sake of the JOURNAL as a scientific magazine, and while we would urge every member to take an active interest in all matters affecting his brother practitioners we can never advocate making the JOURNAL into a mere trade magazine. The scientific part of it must remain paramount. At the same time it must devote due attention to local and general professional affairs and must be maintained as the organ of the whole profession in all matters scientific, social, and medico-political.

Such is our policy, and, if you approve of it, we ask you to return us to the Central Council, so that on essential principles there may be none of that cross-voting which would partially disfranchise the Branch.

8. *Personal.*—We further ask your support on the ground of our personal experience in the work of the Association.

Dr. Garstang has been enthusiastic as a divisional organizer. He has been Secretary of the Altrincham Division since its formation, has been a member of several Representative Meetings, and is an old member of the Branch Council.

Mr. Larkin has been Chairman of his Division and a member of the Branch Council for many years. He is now Secretary of the Branch, and a member of the Central Council, and of the Organization Committee and the Parliamentary Subcommittee. He is thoroughly conversant with the work of every part of the Association.

Dr. Macfie has filled the important position of President of the Branch. He has long been a member of the Branch Council and is now Chairman of the Organization and Finance Committee and Chairman of the Bolton Division, which he has represented at the Representative Meeting.

D Taylor has for some years taken an official part in medical politics in the Manchester district He has been Secretary of the Salford Division since its formation and a member of the Branch Council for some years. He has also taken an active share in the formation and working of the Joint Committee of the Manchester and Salford Divisions, through which it is hoped to bring about the unification of the profession in the district.

In conclusion, we ask you to affirm by your votes that our policy, our active interest, and our experience in the work of the Association all combine to fit us to represent you in the Central Council. We would add that we shall always be ready to answer any question you may care to put to us, and we should feel it an honour to be allowed to address your Division.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. H. GARSTANG, M.A., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.,
Edge Mount, Altrincham.

F. C. LARKIN, F.R.C.S.,
54, Rodney Street, Liverpool.

C. MACFIE, M.D.,
240, St. George's Road, Bolton.

J. H. TAYLOR, M.A., M.B., Ch.B.,
299, Eccles New Road, Salford.

May 1st, 1908.

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

OWING to the rebuilding of the Association premises in the Strand the Library is closed, but at the Temporary Offices of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand (adjoining Drury Lane Theatre), a Reading and Writing Room is provided. The Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it will be closed at 2 p.m.

Association Notices.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

IN the SUPPLEMENT of May 16th, p. 278, under the heading Putney Hospital, it should have appeared that Mr. Cuthbert's amendment related only to paragraph 5, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 having been accepted by the Council subject to the omission of the last four words of paragraph 1.

EDMUND OWEN,
Chairman of Council.

May 19th, 1908.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: BATH DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at the Royal United Hospital on Tuesday, May 26th, at 6 p.m. Business: To elect officers; to receive annual report; to consider business of Annual Representative Meeting; to consider matters referred to Divisions (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, February 22nd); any other business.—D. LESLIE BEATH, Honorary Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.—*Election of Representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association.*—Notice is hereby given that nominations for the offices mentioned above must be sent to the undersigned by May 23rd. Each nomination must be signed by three members of the Branch. Two representatives on the Council to be elected.—P. J. KAUFFMANN, Honorary Secretary, 22, Broad Street, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—An ordinary general meeting will be held at the Medical Institute on May 28th, at 4 p.m. Business: To instruct the Representative on matters referred to the Divisions.—The annual meeting will be held at the Medical Institute on June 18th, at 4 p.m. Nominations for offices must reach the Honorary Secretaries on or before May 28th.—A. W. NUTHALL and W. T. LYDALL, Honorary Secretaries, Medical Institute, Birmingham.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that nominations for the post of Representative on the Central Council of the Association for this Branch and the North Lancashire and South Westmorland Branch jointly must reach the Honorary Secretary not later than June 8th, and must be signed by at least three members of either Branch in accordance with By-law 25.—FRANCIS R. HILL, Honorary Secretary, Carlisle.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ENGLISH DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of this Division will be held in the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday, May 29th, at 3.30 p.m.—NORMAN MACLAREN, Carlisle.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The spring meeting of this Branch will be held in the Hotel Mont Dore, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, May 27th, at 3.30 p.m., the president, J. Macpherson Lawrie, Esq., M.D., D.L., J.P., in the chair. Agenda:—(1) The minutes of the last meeting. (2) Letters and apologies for non-attendance. (3) The President will vacate the chair and introduce his successor, J. Atkinson Hosker, Esq., M.R.C.S.Eng., J.P., etc. (4) The Honorary Treasurer will present his financial statement for 1907. (5) Reports from the Branch Divisions for 1907. (6) Report of the Branch Council for 1907. (7) Report of the return of a representative of the combined Dorset and West Hants Branch and the West Somerset Branch on the Central Council of the Association. (8) The date and place for the summer meeting. (9) The President will deliver his Presidential address. (10) Dr. Whittingdale will show (*a*) a specimen of Gangrene of Meckel's Diverticulum and give a brief outline of the case; (*b*) a Gall Stone removed from the small intestine where it had caused obstruction. (11) Dr. E. Kaye Le Fleming will show a case of Furunculosis. (12) Dr. J. Macpherson Lawrie will relate a Case of Tuberculous Peritonitis Cured after the Removal of the Uterus for Fibroid Disease. (13) Dr. H. D. McCulloch will read a paper entitled, On the Analogy between Spontaneous Recoveries from Cancer and the Specific Immunity induced by *X*-ray Irradiations of the Lymphatic Glands involved. (14) Messrs. Meyer and Meltzer, 71 Great Portland Street, London, W., will attend the meeting and exhibit an assortment of the most modern medical appliances and surgical instruments. There will be an official Branch dinner in the Hotel Mont Dore at 6.30 p.m. Price 6s., exclusive of wines, etc. Members intending to be present at the meeting and dinner will please communicate with Dr. Davison not later than Monday evening, the 25th inst. —JAMES DAVISON, Honorary Secretary, "Streateplace," Bath Road, Bournemouth.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—Nominations for the election of two Representatives of the Branch on the Central Council should be sent to me on or before Monday, June 1st, in accordance with By-law 25.—B. H. NICHOLSON, Honorary Secretary.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Norwich on Friday, June 19th.—B. H. NICHOLSON, Honorary Secretary.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Hull Royal Infirmary on June 11th, at 12.30 p.m.—EDWARD TURTON, 1, Albion Street, Hull, Honorary Secretary.

EDINBURGH AND FIFE BRANCHES.—The attention of members of these two Branches is drawn to the fact that nominations for the election of two members upon the Central Council of the Association should be sent in to one of the Secretaries not later than Wednesday, June 10th.—A. LOGAN TURNER, 27, Walker Street, Edinburgh; FRANCIS D. BOYD, 22, Manor Place, Edinburgh; BALFOUR GRAHAM, Leven, Fife, Honorary Secretaries.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—Election of Members of Central Council.—In accordance with Branch Rule v and Association By-law 25, nominations for Representatives on the Central Council, each signed by at least three electors, are requested to be sent to the undersigned Honorary Secretary on or before Monday, June 1st. The Branch is entitled to return two Representatives, but if more than two nominations are sent in an election will take place by voting papers. Dr. Goff is this year ineligible for re-election, and Dr. Hamilton does not seek re-election.—JAMES HAMILTON, 1, Royal Crescent, Crosshill, Glasgow.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the New Maternity Hospital on the afternoon of Friday, June 5th. Professor Murdoch Cameron and Dr. Jardine have kindly consented to show cases. A dinner will be held in the evening, but further particulars of this, along with the detailed programme of the afternoon's proceedings, will be announced next week.—JAMES HAMILTON and J. GRANT ANDREW, Honorary Secretaries.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: GLASGOW NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held on Friday, May 29th, at 8.30 p.m., in the Burgh Hall, Hillhead. Business: 1. Minutes of last meeting. 2. Annual Report of Division. 3. Election of office-bearers. 4. Election of Representatives to the Branch Council, and to the Representative Meeting. 5. Consideration of Report on Medical Examinations for Life Insurance. The Division is requested to give (*a*) information as to the practice obtaining in their district, and (*b*) their opinion on the questions asked in the SUPPLEMENT of February 22nd. 6. Appeal for contributions to the Lynn Thomas and Skyrme Fund. 7. Inquiry as to female inebriates. 8. Consideration of the Report of the Finance Inquiry Committee, and votes on the questions referred to the Divisions. 9. Consideration of the ethics of medical consultation, and instructions thereon to the Representative (see SUPPLEMENT, May 9th). 10. Consideration of the remuneration of inspectors of school children, and instructions thereon to the Representative (see SUPPLEMENT, May 9th). 11. Any other competent business. Nominations for office-bearers may be made at the meeting, or in writing beforehand.—G. BURNSIDE BUCHANAN, Honorary Secretary, Glasgow.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—Election of Representatives on Central Council, 1908–9.—Voting papers will be sent out on or before Saturday, May 23rd, and must be returned on or before Wednesday, June 3rd. Should any member not receive a voting paper he should apply at once to F. CHARLES LARKIN, Honorary Secretary, 54, Rodney Street, Liverpool.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Brooklands Hotel, Sale, Cheshire, on Wednesday, June 17th, at 2 p.m. Dinner at Queen's Hotel, Manchester, 7 p.m.—T. W. H. GARSTANG, Honorary Secretary, Altrincham Division, and Honorary Local Secretary for Branch Annual Meeting.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Altrincham (Board Room of Hospital) on Thursday, June 4th, at 4.50 p.m. Afternoon tea, 4 30 p.m. Dinner at Brooklands Hotel, 7 p.m. Nominations for any office for 1908–9 will be received by the Honorary Secretary, if duly signed by proposer and seconder.—T. W. H GARSTANG, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: LIVERPOOL (NORTHERN) DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the members of this Division will be held at the Liverpool Medical Institution on Wednesday, May 27th, at 3 45 p.m. Agenda: Confirmation of minutes. Election of officers and committees. Matters referred to Divisions (see SUPPLEMENTS, February 8th and 22nd, March 14th and 28th, April 18th and 25th, May 9th and 16th). Medical fees at inquests. Lynn Thomas and Skyrme Fund. Report of Representative on Branch Council. Any other business.—A. W. GERMAN, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MANCHESTER (SOUTH) DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of this Division will be held at the house of the Chairman, Dr. Vipont Brown, Surrey Lodge, 2, Birch Lane, Longsight, at 3.30 p m., on Friday, May 29th. Agenda: 1. Minutes. 2. Election of office-bearers for 1908–9 3. Annual report of the Executive Committee. 4. Consideration of business for the Annual Representative Meeting. 5. Proposed new rule *re* contract work: "That this Division is of opinion that no new medical appointments to clubs shall be undertaken at a less remuneration than 6s. per member per annum." 6. Withington ethical case. 7. Correspondence. 8. Any other business.—G. H. GRANT DAVIE, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—*Nominations of Branch Officers.*—Pursuant to By-law 25, notice is hereby given that nominations for all the officers of the Branch, namely, President-elect, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, members of the Branch on the Central Council of the Association, must be sent in to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch on or before May 28th. Voting papers will be sent out on or before June 4th, and must be returned to the Secretary on or before June 10th.—F. J. MCCANN, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—A meeting will be held at the Kensington Town Hall on Monday, May 25th, at 5 p.m. Agenda: Nominations for office on the Metropolitan Counties Branch. Definition of the term "Hospital," proposed by the Central Ethical Committee (vide SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of February 22nd). Fees paid by Life Insurance Offices for Medical Examinations: Questions by Medico-Political Committee (vide SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of February 22nd). Motion proposed by Mr. H. H. Sturge: "That it is desirable that no fresh institution for the gratuitous treatment of patients should be opened without previous consultation with the Committee of the Division or of the Branch of the British Medical Association in which it is proposed to establish such new centre." Any other business.—CHARLES BUTTAR, Honorary Secretary, Kensington.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—Notice of Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at the Midland Hotel, King's Cross, W.C., on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 4 o'clock.—W. GRIFFITH, Honorary Secretary.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Exchange, Nottingham, on Thursday, June 11th, at 2 30 p.m. Nominations for the election of two Representatives of the Branch on the Central Council should be sent to me on or before Monday, June 1st, in accordance with the by-laws.—R. SEVESTRE, London Road, Leicester, Honorary Secretary, Midland Branch.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LEICESTER AND RUTLAND DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held on Wednesday, May 27th, at 4 p.m., at the Leicester Infirmary. Agenda: Minutes of previous meeting. Nomination of Vice-President of the Branch for 1908 9. Election of Representatives of the Division on the Branch Council, and of officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Division. Election of a Representative of the Division at Representative Meetings. Annual report of the Executive Committee. Discussion of matters referred to Divisions (vide SUPPLEMENTS of the JOURNAL). Any other business.—WILFRED E. GIBBONS, Honorary Secretary, 1, Charles Street, Leicester.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LINCOLN DIVISION.—On Thursday, May 28th, 1908, at 3 30 p.m., will be held the annual meeting of the above Division, in the Guildhall, Lincoln. Agenda: To elect a Vice-President of the Midland Branch. To elect officers, the Representative of the Division on the Branch Council, and the ordinary members of the Executive Committee. To elect the Representative of the Division in Representative Meetings of the Association. To consider, by request of the Representative Meeting, the proposed definition of the term "Hospital" (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd, 1908). To give replies to certain questions asked by the Medico-Political Committee relative to medical examinations for life insurance (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd, 1908). To communicate to the Division the interim report of the Subcommittee of the Medico-Political Committee on the Medical Inspection of School Children. To decide whether an Ethical Committee shall be appointed by the Division, and if so, what rules it shall be guided by. Other business. Members desiring to read papers or show cases or specimens are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, J. S. CHATER.

MUNSTER BRANCH.—Nominations for a Representative of the Branch on the Central Council (in accordance with By-law 24) will be received by the Honorary Secretary up to June 1st.—PHILIP G. LEE, 26, St. Patrick's Hill, Cork, Honorary Secretary.

MUNSTER BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at 4.30 p.m., in the rooms of the Medical Society, 74, South Mall, Cork. Representatives, officers, and Council for 1908-9 will be elected, and any other necessary business transacted.—PHILIP G. LEE, 26, St. Patrick's Hill, Cork, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.—In accordance with By-law 25, notice is hereby given that nominations for all the officers of the Branch and Representative on the Central Council must be sent to the Honorary Secretary not later than May 30th.—H. JONES ROBERTS, Honorary Secretary, Llywenarth, Penygroes.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: NORTH CARNARVON AND ANGLESEY DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at the British Hotel, Bangor, on Wednesday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. Agenda: (1) To read the minutes of the last regular meeting. (2) To read correspondence. (3) To receive the annual report of the Executive Committee. (4) To elect the following offices, Representatives, etc., for 1908 9:—Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Representative to Annual Representative Meeting, Representative on Branch Council, Members of Executive Committee of Division. (5) To nominate a Representative of the North Wales Branch on the Central Council of the Association. (6) To consider the following matters referred to Divisions, and to report thereon, if necessary: (*a*) Report on life insurance examinations (vide SUPPLEMENT, February 22nd, 1908). (*b*) The business of the Annual Representative Meeting (vide SUPPLEMENTS, March 28th, April 18th, April 25th, and May 16th, 1908). A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held prior to the general meeting, at 2.30 p.m., to consider the usual business. Members: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary North Wales Branch, Honorary Secretary of Division, Representative to Representative Meeting, Representatives of Division on Branch Council, together with Drs. Carruthers, R. Lumley Roberts, Corbet Owen, and J. R. Williams (Penmaenmawr).—JOHN EVANS, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc, on Thursday, May 28th, at 2 p.m. Members having papers to read, cases to show, or any other business to bring before the meeting are requested to communicate with the Honorary Secretary, H. GLADSTONE JONES, Plas Gwilym, Criccieth.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—In accordance with By-law 25, notice is hereby given that nominations for the office of Representative on the Central Council from this Branch must be sent to me in writing on or before June 6th. Each nomination must be signed by three members of the Branch. The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Kingussie on Saturday, June 13th. Further particulars will be sent to each member by circular.—J. MUNRO MOIR Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Dover, by the kind permission of the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Dover, on Thursday, June 18th, at 2.15 p.m. Dr. M. K. Robinson, President-elect, kindly invites members to lunch at the Grand Hotel, Dover, from 1 to 2 p.m. Agenda: In addition to the business of an ordinary meeting—(1) To receive the report of the election of new officers, who shall thereupon take office. (2) To receive the report of the Council on the affairs of the Branch and the annual financial statement. The following expeditions have been arranged to take place afterwards: Visit to Dover Castle and precincts; visit to the National Harbour Works in course of construction; visit to the ruins of the ancient Priory, now used by Dover College; and visit to Pageant House. Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Dover, at 6.15 p.m.; charge, 7s. 6d. Wine will be provided by the members of the Dover Division. Those who propose being present at lunch or dinner, or both, are requested to signify their intention to Dr. Osborn, Ennismore Lodge, Dover, not later than Thursday, June 11th.—H. M. STEWART, Dyffryn, Dulwich, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: FOLKESTONE DIVISION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of the Folkestone Division will be held on Thursday, May 28th. Agenda: (*a*) Minutes of last annual meeting; (*b*) to elect officers, the Representative of the Division on the Branch Council, and the ordinary members of the Executive Committee; (*c*) to elect the Representative of the Division in the Representative meetings of the Association; (*d*) to receive the annual report of the Executive Committee; (*e*) to consider any business of the Annual Representative Meeting; (*f*) to transact any business that may be transacted at an ordinary meeting.—P. VERNON DODD, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, at 2.30 p.m., in the Board Room of the General Hospital, Northampton. For the purpose of electing a Divisional Representative the meeting will resolve itself into a joint meeting of the Northamptonshire and Aylesbury Divisions. The meeting will be preceded by luncheon at Franklin's Restaurant, Guildhall Road, at 1.30 p.m. The Secretary will be much obliged if any member wishing to attend the luncheon will notify him at least two days before the meeting. Business: Minutes. Election of Officers. Annual Report of Division. Matters referred to Division: Questions on the matter of Life Assurance Fees; Definition of the term "Hospital"; the ethics of Medical Consultation. The Lynn Thomas and Skyrme Fund. Letter from the Coventry Division. Dr. Robson will propose that there be a special Clinical Section of the Division. Mr. Harries-Jones will read a paper entitled Remarks on the Differential Diagnosis of Glaucoma. Any other business.—P. S. HICHENS, Honorary Secretary, Northampton.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Infirmary, Newport, on June 11th, at 4.30 p.m., when the Representatives of the Branch on the Central Council will be elected.—W. MITCHELL STEVENS, 21, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff, Branch Secretary.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—*Election to Council of the Association.*—In accordance with the rules of the Association I hereby give notice that nominations (each to be signed by three electors) for the office of Representative of the Branch on the Council of the Association, are to be sent to me not later than May 25th.—RUSSELL COOMBE, Branch Secretary.

STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCHES.—Nominations for the office of Representative on the Central Council should be sent to either of the undersigned not later than June 8th, in accordance with By-law 25.—G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Honorary Secretary, Staffordshire Branch, Stoke-on-Trent; C. G. RUSS WOOD, Honorary Secretary, Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch, Shrewsbury.

ULSTER BRANCH.—Nominations for the offices of President, Treasurer, and Secretary, each signed by two members, must be sent to me not later than June 3rd.—CECIL SHAW, M.D., 29, University Square, Belfast, Honorary Secretary.

ULSTER AND CONNAUGHT BRANCHES.—Two members to represent the combined Branches on the Central Council will be elected next month. Nominations, signed by three members, must be sent to me not later than June 3rd.—CECIL SHAW, M.D., 29, University Square, Belfast, Honorary Secretary, Ulster Branch.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will take place at the Hereford General Hospital on Thursday, June 18th, at 1.45 p.m. Business: To elect officers and transact such other business as are prescribed by rule for the annual meeting.—C. S. MORRISON, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—Election of Representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association.—Notice is hereby given that nominations for the above must be sent to the undersigned by June 13th. Each nomination must be signed by three members of the Branch. Two Representatives on the Council to be elected.—ADOLPH BRONNER, Honorary Secretary, 33, Manor Row, Bradford.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: BRADFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at the Great Northern Victoria Hotel, Bradford, on Tuesday, May 26th, at 8.30 p.m. The following amongst other matters will be considered: (1) The question of fees for medical attendance to accidents in connexion with the tramways. (2) Communications received *re* the Lynn Thomas and Skyrme Fund. (3) Certificates required by accident insurance companies without payment. (4) Nomination of officers for the next year. (5) Various notices of motion contained in recent SUPPLEMENTS.—JAMES METCALFE and J. WHERRY WILLSON, Honorary Secretaries.

Vital Statistics.

EPIDEMIC MORTALITY IN LONDON.

THE accompanying diagram shows the prevalence of the principal epidemic diseases during the first, or winter, quarter of the year. The fluctuations of each disease and its relative fatality, compared with that in the corresponding periods of recent years, can thus be readily seen.

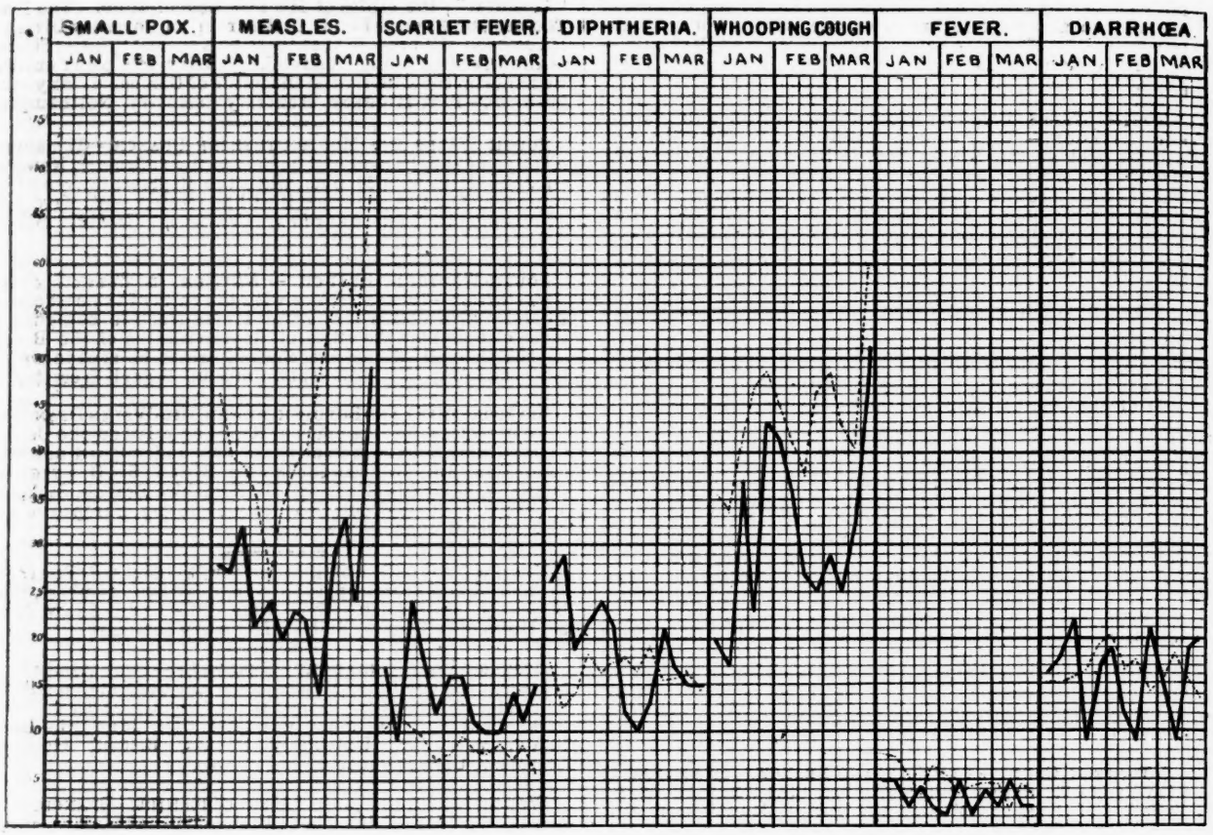
Small-pox.—No fatal case of small-pox was registered in London last quarter, and only one small-pox patient was under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals.

Measles.—The deaths from measles, which had been 661, 405, and 279 in the three preceding quarters, rose again last quarter to 346, but were 242 below the average number in the first quarter of the five preceding years. The greatest proportional mortality from measles last quarter was recorded in Paddington, Fulham, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Stepney, and Lewisham.

Scarlet Fever.—The fatal cases of this disease, which had been 141, 168, and 232 in the three preceding quarters, declined again to 186 in the three months under notice, but were 74 in excess of the corrected average number. Among the various metropolitan boroughs this disease was proportionally most fatal in Hackney, Shoreditch, Bethnal Green, Southwark, Bermondsey, and Battersea. The number of scarlet-fever cases under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, which had been 2,975, 4,295, and 4,956 at the end of the three preceding quarters, had declined again to 3,150 at the end of last quarter; 5,101 new cases were admitted during the quarter against 4,726, 6,989, and 8,205 in the three preceding quarters.

Diphtheria.—The deaths referred to diphtheria, which had been 159, 163, and 244 in the three preceding quarters, were again 244 last

DEATHS FROM EPIDEMIC DISEASES IN LONDON DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1908.



NOTE.—The black lines show the *recorded* number of deaths from each disease during each week of the quarter. The dotted lines show the *average* number of deaths in the corresponding weeks of the five preceding years, 1903-7.

quarter, and were 32 in excess of the average number in the corresponding periods of the five preceding years. This disease showed the highest proportional mortality last quarter in Hackney, Holborn, Finsbury, the City of London, Bethnal Green, and Lewisham. The number of diphtheria patients in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, which had been 808, 934, and 1,168 at the end of the three preceding quarters, had declined again to 1,081 at the end of last quarter; 1,872 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 1,507, 1,804, and 2,327 in the three preceding quarters.

Whooping-cough.—The fatal cases of this disease, which had been 677, 370, and 217 in the three preceding quarters, rose again last quarter to 406, but were 166 below the corrected average number. The highest death-rates from whooping-cough last quarter were recorded in Chelsea, St. Pancras, Stepney, Poplar, Greenwich, and Woolwich.

"*Fever.*"—Under this heading are included deaths from typhus, from enteric fever, and from ill-defined pyrexia. The deaths referred to these different forms of "fever," which had been 36, 42, and 69 in the three preceding quarters, declined again last quarter to 40, and were 22 below the average in the corresponding period of the five preceding years. Two deaths were attributed to ill-defined pyrexia during the quarter, but not any to typhus. Among the various metropolitan boroughs "fever" was proportionally most fatal in Hammersmith, Fulham, the City of Westminster, Holborn, Finsbury, Bethnal Green, and Greenwich. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 73 enteric fever patients at the end of last quarter, against 57, 99, and 119 at the end of the three preceding quarters; 135 cases were admitted during the quarter, against 146, 191 and 145, in the three preceding quarters.

Diarrhœa.—The 207 deaths from diarrhœa in London last quarter were slightly below the corrected average number for the first quarter of the five preceding years. The greatest proportional mortality from this disease was recorded last quarter in Hackney, Finsbury, Shoreditch, Poplar, Southwark and Bermondsey.

In conclusion it may be stated that the 1,429 deaths in London referred to the principal infectious diseases last quarter were nearly 19 per cent. below the corrected average number. The lowest death-rates from these diseases last quarter were recorded in Kensington, Hammersmith, the City of Westminster, Hampstead, and Stoke Newington; and the highest rates in Hackney, Finsbury, Bethnal Green, Stepney, Poplar, Greenwich, and Lewisham.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,818 births and 4,124 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, May 16th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 15.4, 15.7, and 14.2 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further declined last week to 13.2 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 6.7 in Hornsey and in Walthamstow, 7.3 in York, 7.5 in Leyton, 7.9 in Bury, 8.0 in East Ham, 8.3 in Tottenham, and 8.5 in Hastings, to 18.3 in Warrington, 19.2 in Wigan, 19.8 in Burnley, 21.9 in Ipswich, 22.2 in Middlesbrough, and 23.8 in Hanley. In London the rate of mortality was 13.0 per 1,000, while it averaged 13.3 in the seventy-six other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.1 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns, and ranged upwards to 2.3 in Rochdale and in Rhondda, 2.5 in Rotherham, 3.7 in Warrington, 3.8 in Wallasey, and 3.9 in Stockton-on-Tees; in London the rate was 1.1 per 1,000. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.3 in West Ham and in Preston, 2.3 in Wallasey, and 3.9 in Stockton-on-Tees; and whooping-cough of 1.1 in Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.2 in Portsmouth, 1.3 in Birkenhead, 1.4 in Newport (Mon.) and in Merthyr Tydfil, 2.5 in Rotherham, and 2.9 in Warrington. The mortality from scarlet fever, from diphtheria, from enteric fever, and from diarrhœa showed no marked excess in any of the seventy-six towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,861, 2,925, and 2,870 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had declined again to 2,833 at the end of last week; 380 new cases were admitted during the week, against 332, 268, and 353 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, May 9th, 616 births and 441 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 653 births and 384 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 21.2, 28.6 and 25.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, fell to 23.3 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 9.1 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 21.9 in Limerick and 23.1 in Londonderry to 23.4 in Waterford and Belfast and 25.0 in Dublin. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 2.6 per 1,000, or 1.4 per 1,000 lower than the preceding period, the highest figure—11.7—being recorded in Waterford, while Limerick registered no deaths under this heading at all.

Naval and Military Appointments.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL G. A. EMERSON, M.B., Bengal, is permitted to retire from the service, from April 2nd. He joined the Bengal Medical Department as Surgeon, October 1st, 1877, and became Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, October 1st, 1897. He was in the Afghan war in 1878-80 (medal with clasp), and in the Soudan campaign in 1885 (medal with clasp and Khedive's bronze star).

Lieutenant C. M. ROBERTS, M.B., is permitted to resign the service, from April 13th. His commission was dated September 1st, 1906.

Major H. M. EARLE has been appointed Specialist in Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, and has been posted to the 3rd (Lahore) Division. Major A. E. BERRY, M.B., has been appointed a Specialist in Ophthalmology, and has been posted to the 5th (Mhow) Division). Captain C. H. BARBER, M.B., has been appointed Specialist in Advanced Operative Surgery in the 1st (Peshawur) Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. ROBERTS, M.B., Bengal, is permitted to retire from the service from April 21st. Appointed Surgeon-Captain, October 1st, 1887, he became Lieutenant-Colonel, October 1st, 1907. He was in the Hazara campaign in 1888, receiving a medal with clasp.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. LEE, Madras, retires from the service, from April 7th. He was appointed Assistant Surgeon in the Madras Medical Department, September 30th, 1876, and became Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, September 30th, 1896.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. FRENCH-MULLEN, M.D., Bengal, also retires from the service, from May 2 th. He joined the department as Surgeon, March 30th, 1878, and was made Lieutenant-Colonel, March 30th, 1898.

The retirement is also announced of Lieutenant Colonel F. G. MAIDMENT, Madras, from March 21st. His first appointment bears date September 30th, 1886; his commission as Lieutenant-Colonel, September 30th, 1906. He served with the Burmese expedition in 1887-9 (medal with clasp), and in the China war in 1900 (medal)

Lieutenant-Colonel R. SHORE, M.D., Bengal, is posted as Residency Surgeon at Hyderabad.

Colonel C. H. BEATSON, C.B., Bengal, Principal Medical Officer, Kohat Brigade, is granted six months' combined leave, from April 21st.

Colonel W. A. QUAYLE, M.D., Madras, has taken over duty as Principal Medical Officer, Aden Brigade, from Colonel F. B. Maclean, Army Medical Service.

1st East Lancashire Field Ambulance: Major JOHN BENTLY MANN, from the Manchester Companies, Royal Army Medical Corps (Volunteers), to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and is appointed to command the unit, April 1st, 1908.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES

BIRMINGHAM EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—(1) Medical Superintendent; salary, £500 per annum. (2) Three Medical Officers (Men or Women); salary, £230 per annum.

BLACKBURN AND EAST LANCASHIRE INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary to commence, £80 per annum.

BOURNEMOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—School Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

BRIDGWATER HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

BRIGHTON: SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—(1) Third House-Surgeon; salary, £50 per annum. (2) Assistant Resident Medical Officer; honorarium, 25 guineas for three months. (3) Second Honorary Anaesthetist.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House Physician. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

BURNLEY UNION.—Resident Medical Officer of the Workhouse. Salary, £120 per annum

CAMBERWELL WORKHOUSE.—Locumtenent for Medical Officer for four weeks. Remuneration at the rate of four guineas a week.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—(1) House-Surgeon; (2) House-Surgeon for Ophthalmic and Ear and Throat Departments. Honorarium, £30 for six months each.

CARMARTHEN: JOINT COUNTIES LUNATIC ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £160, increasing to £180 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST. Victoria Park, E.—House-Physician (male). Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £300 per annum, increasing to £400

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Clinical Assistant.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.—Physician in charge of Skin Department.

EXETER: ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

GLOUCESTER EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—School Medical Inspector. Salary, £250 per annum, rising to £300.

GORDON HOSPITAL, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.—Resident House-Surgeon

GREENWICH UNION INFIRMARY.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £20 for six months, and £2 10s. washing allowance.

HULL AND SCULCOATS DISPENSARY.—Medical Officer. Salary, £210 per annum.

HUNGERFORD AND RAMSBURY UNION.—Public Vaccinators for (1) Redwyn District and (2) Hungerford District and Workhouse.

LANCASTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

LIVERPOOL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—School Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum.

MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Assistant Medical Officer (non-resident). Salary, £100 per annum.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

METROPOLITAN EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT HOSPITAL, Grafton Street, W.—Two Senior Clinical Assistants.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, W.—Lectureship in Anatomy.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Northwood.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Honorarium £50 per annum.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF SANATORIUMS FOR WORKERS SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS.—Assistant Medical Superintendent or Sanatorium at Benenden. Salary, £80 per annum

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE: NORTHUMBERLAND EDUCATION AUTHORITY.—Two Medical Inspectors. Salary, £250 per annum each.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY AND EYE HOSPITAL, Hartshill. Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

NORWICH CITY ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £130 per annum.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, Dean Street, Soho, W.—House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £40 per annum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Assistant Physician for Diseases of Women.

ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, King William Street, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £25 for six months.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY: CHANDOS CHAIR OF PHYSIOLOGY.—Applications to the Secretary, University Court.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, Paddington, W.—Honorary Anaesthetist.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY: ALBERT DOCK HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon; salary, £75 per annum, and £25 for acting as Registrar. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

SHREWSBURY: SALOP INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

SOUTHAMPTON FREE EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

SOUTHAMPTON: ROYAL SOUTH HANTS AND SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

TOXTETH PARK TOWNSHIP.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer of the Workhouse and Infirmary. Salary, £100 per annum

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Gower Street.—Sharpey Scholarship in Physiology.

WAKEFIELD: CLAYTON HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

WEST-END HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, Welbeck Street, W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of 50 guineas per annum.

WEST HAM AND EAST LONDON HOSPITAL, Stratford, E.—Junior House-Surgeon for six months and then as Senior. Salary at the rate of £75 and £100 per annum respectively.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith, W.—House-Physician for six months.

WIGAN INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Medical Officer; (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 and £80 per annum respectively

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces a vacancy at Mildenhall, co. Suffolk.

APPOINTMENTS.

BELL, W., M.B., Ch.B.Edin., District Medical Officer of the Huddersfield Union.

BIGGS, G. L., M.B., B.S.Durh., Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department of the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich.

BREMRIDGE, R. H., M.B.Oxon., B.Sc.Lond., Assistant County Medical Officer, Derbyshire County Council.

BROWNE, H. S. D., M.B.Camb., M.R.C.S., Medical Officer of the Workhouse of the Winchester Union.

CAMPBELL, Robert B., M.B., C.M.Edin., Medical Superintendent, Stirling District Asylum, Larbert.

CARRUTHERS, D. A., M.B., C.M.Edin., Medical Officer, Bucks Education Committee.

CHATER, J. S., M.D.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Lincoln Union.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.—The following appointments have been made:

House Physician to Dr. Churton, P. D. Pickles.

House-Physician to Dr. Barrs, H. B. Scargill, M.B., B.S.Lond.

House-Surgeon to Mr. Littlewood, J. P. Bibby, M.B., Ch.B.Leeds.

Ophthalmic House Surgeon, W. Williamson.

Resident Medical Officer at the Convalescent Homes, W. L. Dibb, M.B., Ch.B.Leeds.

Resident Obstetric Officer, T. E. Lister, M.B., Ch.B.Vict.

SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL.—The following gentlemen have been appointed:

Clinical Assistants: A. Barber, M.B., B.S.Lond.; Reginald Jamison, M.B., F.R.C.S.Eng.; W. D. Keyworth, B.A., B.C.Camb.; A. B. Leukey, M.B., Ch.B.Edin.; Alexander Manuel, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; Vernon Monckton, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S.; H. Beckett Overy, F.R.C.S.Eng.; John Proctor, M.D., Ch.B.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

MARRIAGE.

COOPER-BRENNAN.—On May 14th, at Wimbledon Parish Church, by the Rev. G. Chamberlain, M.A., cousin of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. J. Allen Bell, M.A., Vicar of the Parish, Edward Cooper, Fleet Surgeon, Royal Navy, H.M.S. *Swiftsure*, youngest son of the late Alfred Cooper, Esq., of Southampton Villa, Southsea, to Margaret Wilhelmina, daughter of the late Rev. William Brennan, M.A., sometime Rector of Ballysadare, co. Sligo, and Mrs. Brennan, of Moate, co. Westmeath, Ireland.

DEATH.

FOWKE.—On May 19th, at Wensley Arkwright Road, South Hampstead, aged 68, Francis Fowke, for thirty years Secretary to the British Medical Association, youngest son of the late John Fowke, F.R.C.S., and Sophia Fowke, of Wolverhampton. Funeral at Albrighton, Wolverhampton, on Friday.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
ODONTOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Paper: Mr. Stanley Mummery, Heredity and Dental Disease. Papers: Mr. Wm. Rushton, Notes on the Extraction of an Upper Wisdom Tooth; Mr. J. G. Turner: Some Clinical Notes on Pyorrhoea Alveolaris.

TUESDAY.

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY, Chelsea Dispensary, Manor Street, S.W., 8.30 p.m.—Paper: Dr. Eric Pritchard, Regulation of the Manufacture and Sale of Proprietary Medicines and Foods.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
MEDICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, W., 5.30 p.m.—Discussion on Dr. Latham's paper on the Administration of Tuberculin and other Vaccines by the Mouth.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2.30 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4 p.m. Monday, and noon Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday, and noon Friday; Eye, 11 a.m. Wednesday and Saturday; Radiography, 4 p.m. Thursday. Special Lectures: Tuesday, Haemorrhoids and their Treatment; Wednesday, The Treatment of Corneal Ulcers; Thursday, Exophthalmic Goitre.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures, at 5.15 p.m. each day, will be given as follows: Monday, Myasthenia Gravis and Amyotonia Congenita (with cases); Tuesday, Modern Views on Rheumatoid Arthritis (with lantern slides); Wednesday, Lesions of the Optic Chiasma; Thursday, Seborrhoea of the Scalp.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—The following are the Clinics, Demonstrations, etc., for next week: Monday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient and Throat, Nose, and Ear, X Rays; 4.30 p.m., Medical In-patient. Tuesday, 10 a.m., Medical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations, Surgical Out-patient and Gynaecological; 4.30 p.m., Special Demonstration of Selected Skin Cases. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Skin, and Eye. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations, Medical and Surgical Out-patient, X Rays; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p.m., Demonstration on Clinical Methods of Estimating Blood Pressure. Friday, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Surgical Operations. Medical Out-patient and Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient.

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Daily, 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics and X Rays; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Monday and Thursday and Wednesday and Saturday, 2 p.m., Diseases of the Eyes. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m., Gynaecological Operations; 2 p.m., Diseases of the Throat, Nose, and Ear; 2.30 p.m., Diseases of the Skin. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m., Diseases of Children; 2.30 p.m., Diseases of Women. Lectures: At 12 noon, Monday, Pathological. At 12.15 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, Practical Medicine. At 5 p.m.: Monday, Gynaecology; Tuesday, Typhoid Fever Relapses; Wednesday, Dental; Thursday, Practical Surgery; Friday, Cases of Skin Diseases.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

Macedonia and the Reforms. By Dragnanof. Translated from the French. London: A. Southey and Co. 1908.

Lehrbuch der allgemeinen Pathologie und der pathologischen Anatomie. Von Professor Dr. H. Ribbert. 3 Auflage. Leipzig: F. C. W. Vogel. 1908. M. 16.

Vitality, Fasting, and Nutrition. By H. Carrington. London: Rebman, Ltd. 21s.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
MAY.	
24 Sunday ...	
25 MONDAY ...	KENSINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Kensington Town Hall, 5 p.m.
26 TUESDAY ...	BATH DIVISION, *Bath and Bristol Branch*, Royal United Hospital, 6 p.m. BRADFORD DIVISION, *Yorkshire Branch*, Great Northern Victoria Hotel, Bradford, 8.30 p.m.
27 WEDNESDAY	DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH, Hotel Mont Dore, Bournemouth, 3.30. Dinner in Hotel, 6.30 p.m. LEICESTER AND RUTLAND DIVISION, *Midland Branch*, Annual Meeting, Leicester Infirmary, 4 p.m. LIVERPOOL (NORTHERN) DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Annual Meeting, Liverpool Medical Institution, 3.45 p.m. NORTH CARNARVONSHIRE AND ANGLESEY DIVISION, *North Wales Branch*, Annual Meeting, British Hotel, Bangor, 3 p.m.
28 THURSDAY...	BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Bristol CENTRAL DIVISION, *Birmingham Branch*, Medical Institute, 4 p.m. CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual General Meeting, followed by Supper, Great Eastern Hotel, 9 p.m. FOLKESTONE DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Annual Meeting. LINCOLN DIVISION, *Midland Branch*, Annual Meeting, Guildhall, Lincoln, 3.30 p.m. SOUTH CARNARVON AND MERIONETH DIVISION, *North Wales Branch*, Annual Meeting, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc, 2 p.m.
MAY (*Continued*).	
29 FRIDAY ...	ENGLISH DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, County Hotel, Carlisle, 3.30 p.m. GLASGOW NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION, *Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch*, Annual Meeting, Burgh Hall, Hillhead, 8.30 p.m. MANCHESTER (SOUTH) DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Annual Meeting, Surrey Lodge, 2, Birch Lane, Longsight, 3.30 p.m. TOTTENHAM DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham, 4.30 p.m.
30 SATURDAY...	
31 Sunday ...	
JUNE.	
1 MONDAY ...	
2 TUESDAY ...	LONDON Public Health Committee, 3.15 p.m. ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Midland Hotel, King's Cross, W.C., 4 p.m.
3 WEDNESDAY	
4 THURSDAY...	ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Annual Meeting, Board Room of Hospital, Altrincham, 4.50 p.m.; Tea, 4.30 p.m.; Dinner, Brooklands Hotel, 7 p.m.
5 FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Standing Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p.m. GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH, Annual Meeting, New Maternity Hospital; Dinner in the evening.
6 SATURDAY...	MUNSTER BRANCH, Annual General Meeting, Rooms of the Medical Society, 74, South Mall, Cork, 4.30 p.m.

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